

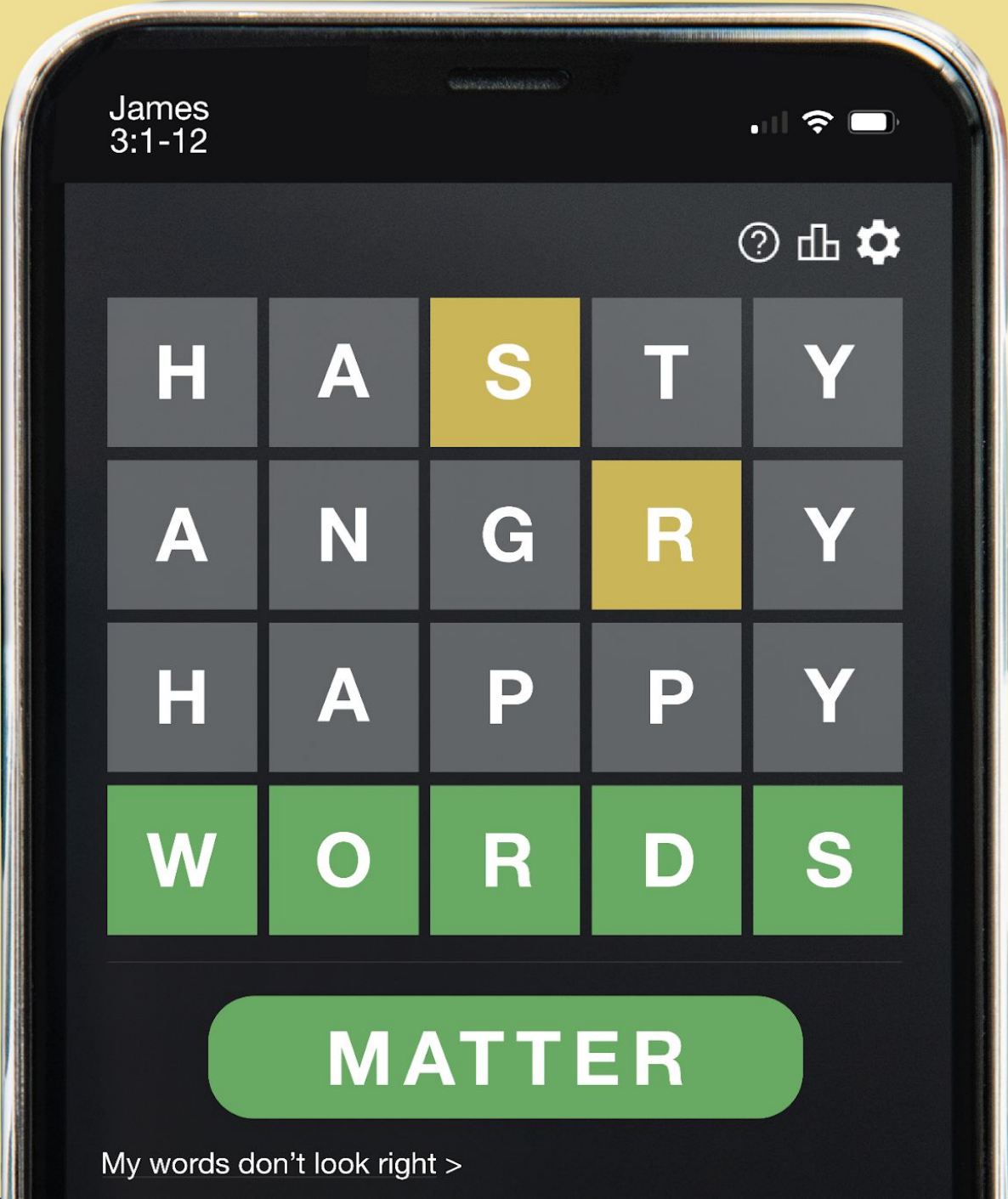
James
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“Careless” words

- Words spoken without thought or sensitivity to their negative impact.
- Impulsive words – often spoken out of strong emotion.

I tell you, on the **day of judgment** people will give account for **every careless word** they speak, for by your words, you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

Matthew 12:36-37 (ESV)

Wednesdays, 6:45, Room B1

November 1, 8, 15, 29

The “judgment day” that everyone will face will take place after everyone is in heaven or hell. It is not a judgment of destiny but a judgment of “works.”

10 For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

12 So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Romans 14:10, 12 (ESV)

God's character of GRACE leads Him to forgive our sin and give us heaven.

God's character of JUSTICE requires Him to respond to our sin and obedience.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV)

Careless words of the Pharisees

#1: Matthew 12:1-8 “Your disciples shouldn’t pluck and eat grain on the Sabbath!”

#2: Matthew 12:9-21 “You can’t heal people on the Sabbath!”

#3: Matthew 12:22-32 “You are casting out a demon by the power of demons!”

33 Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit.

Matthew 12:33-37 (ESV)

34 You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

Matthew 12:33-37 (ESV)

35 The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.

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Takeaways

1. Own our careless words. No excuses.
Agree with Jesus that our words reveal the condition of our heart.

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! ²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me and lead me in the way everlasting!

Psalm 139:23-24 (ESV)

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2. Apologize and then stand confidently on God's grace!

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3. Do your part in gaining control over your careless words AND surrender to the Spirit and let Him change you from the inside out.

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