

Lifehouse Church

Maximize Christ Potential in You



BUILT DIFFERENT

KINGDOM CHARACTER IN A CULTURE OF COMPROMISE

JAMES 1, 2 & 3

THREE CONNECTED SECTIONS

THE FIRST SECTION

DEALS WITH

**FAITH THAT
STANDS STRONG**



JAMES 1:1-27

Faith that endures trials and stays rooted in God's truth.

THE SECOND SECTION

DEALS WITH

**FAITH THAT
WORKS DIFFERENT**



JAMES 2:1-13

Faith that treats people with honor and lives out God's love.

THE THIRD SECTION

DEALS WITH

**FAITH THAT
TALKS DIFFERENT**



JAMES 3:1-18

Faith that speaks with wisdom, builds up others, and reflects a transformed heart.



ONE MESSAGE:

REAL FAITH SHOWS ITSELF IN WHAT WE THINK, WHAT WE DO, AND WHAT WE SAY.

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BIG IDEA

**Words don't just affect emotions...
...they shape our destiny.**

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**Mature faith speaks differently...
...because transformed hearts
produce transformed words.**

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James 3:1–5 - Let not many of you be teachers, my brothers, knowing that we will receive heavier judgment. For in many things we all stumble. If anyone doesn't stumble in word, the same is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also. Indeed, we put bits into the horses' mouths so that they may obey us, and we guide their whole body.

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James 3:1–5 - Behold, the ships also, though they are so big and are driven by fierce winds, are yet guided by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. So the tongue is also a little member and boasts great things. See how a small fire can spread to a large forest.

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A 10TH OF AN INCH CAN REDIRECT YOUR LIFE.

ONE SMALL TURN. DIFFERENT DESTINATION.



A 10TH
OF AN INCH
AT THE WHEEL

A 10TH OF AN INCH
AT 30 MPH ON
PIKE PEAK
CAN CHANGE
YOUR DESTINATION.



AT THE START

YOU'RE ON COURSE.
EVERYTHING LOOKS GOOD.



10 SECONDS LATER

A 10TH OF AN INCH.
YOU DON'T EVEN NOTICE.



60 SECONDS LATER

YOU'RE OFF COURSE.
A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT OUTCOME.



**SMALL CHOICES.
BIG CONSEQUENCES.**

YOUR WORDS ARE THE STEERING WHEEL OF YOUR LIFE.



SPEAK LIFE.



THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK.



STAY ON THE COURSE GOD HAS SET.



ONE WORD CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING.

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Proverbs 15:4 “A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but **deceit** in it crushes the **spirit**.”

Deceit (seleph) - manipulative or distorted words

Rooted to a soul of selfish ambition - "to steer towards your agenda"

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Application Questions

What direction are your "words" creating right now?

Are your "words" steering people toward destiny
- or away from it?

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Weekly Action Step

**This week, before responding emotionally,
pause and ask yourself:**

**Will these words steer this person toward life,
healing, and purpose or away from it...
...will they build up or tear down?**

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James 3:6–12 (NLT) 6 And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your **entire body**. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself 7 People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, 8 but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison.

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James 3:6–12 (NLT) 9 Sometimes it **praises** our Lord and Father, and sometimes it **curse**s those who have been made in the image of God. 10 And so **bl**essing and **cur**sing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!

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NEBRASKA FIRES IN 2026

BURNED **MORE THAN** THE ENTIRE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.

SAME SIZE. DIFFERENT REALITY.

NEBRASKA FIRES | MARCH 2026

RHODE ISLAND

1,280
SQUARE MILES
(819,200 ACRES)

1,280
SQUARE MILES

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LARGEST WILDFIRE EVENT IN NEBRASKA HISTORY
DRY WINDS. DEADLY CONDITIONS. DEVASTATING IMPACT.



Block Island



1,280
SQUARE MILES BURNED
IN NEBRASKA
MARCH 2026



1,280
SQUARE MILES
THE SIZE OF
RHODE ISLAND



THIS ISN'T JUST A STATISTIC.
THIS IS OUR STATE.
PRAY. PREPARE. PREVENT.

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Application Questions

- What atmosphere follows your words?
Peace or Tension / Unity or Disunity
- Do people feel lighter after talking to you
or heavier?

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Weekly Action Step

This week, refuse to participate in gossip, criticism, or tearing people down.

- Instead, intentionally speak one encouraging word over every person**
- Help create a culture that builds others up instead of burning them down.**

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James 3:13–18 (WEB) Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by his good conduct that his deeds are done in gentleness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, don't boast and don't lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, sensual, and demonic.

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James 3:13–18 (WEB) For where jealousy and selfish ambition are, there is confusion and every evil deed. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

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Two Voices Directing our Speech

1. Earthly wisdom:

jealousy / selfish ambition / disorder / division

2. Heavenly wisdom:

peace / gentleness / mercy / reasonableness / purity

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Application Questions

What would change in your life if your words consistently reflected heavenly wisdom?

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Mindset Shift

Your words reveal who or what is leading your heart.

Choose Faith over Flesh

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Weekly Action Step

This week, ask the Holy Spirit
to help your words reflect heavenly wisdom.

Before speaking, posting, or reacting
choose to be peaceful, gentle, reasonable,
and life-giving

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