



TONGUES

OF FIRE

JAMES 3:1-12

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

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James 3:1-2

- 1** Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.
- 2** We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

James 3:3-6

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7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, **8** but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

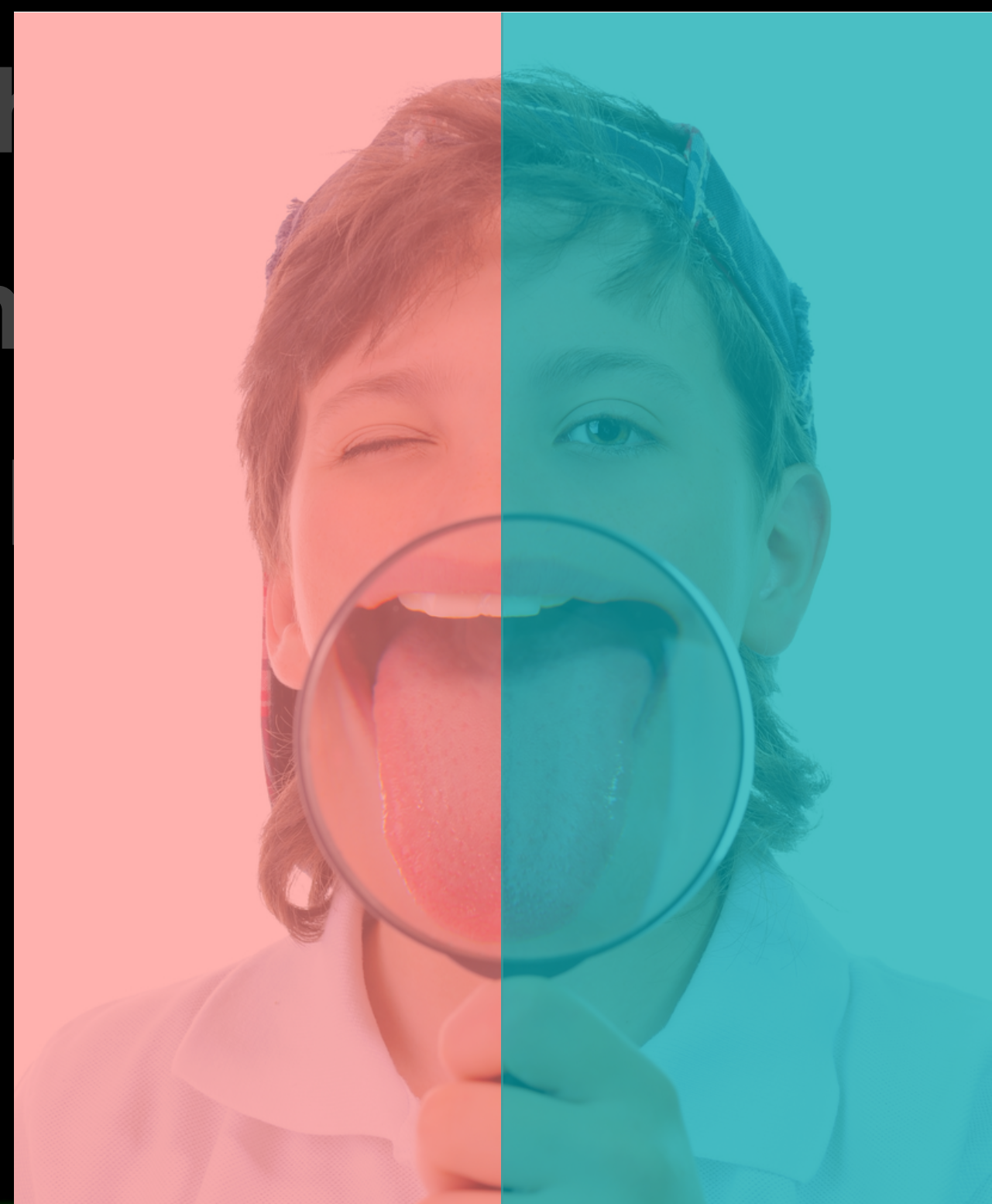


James 3:9-12

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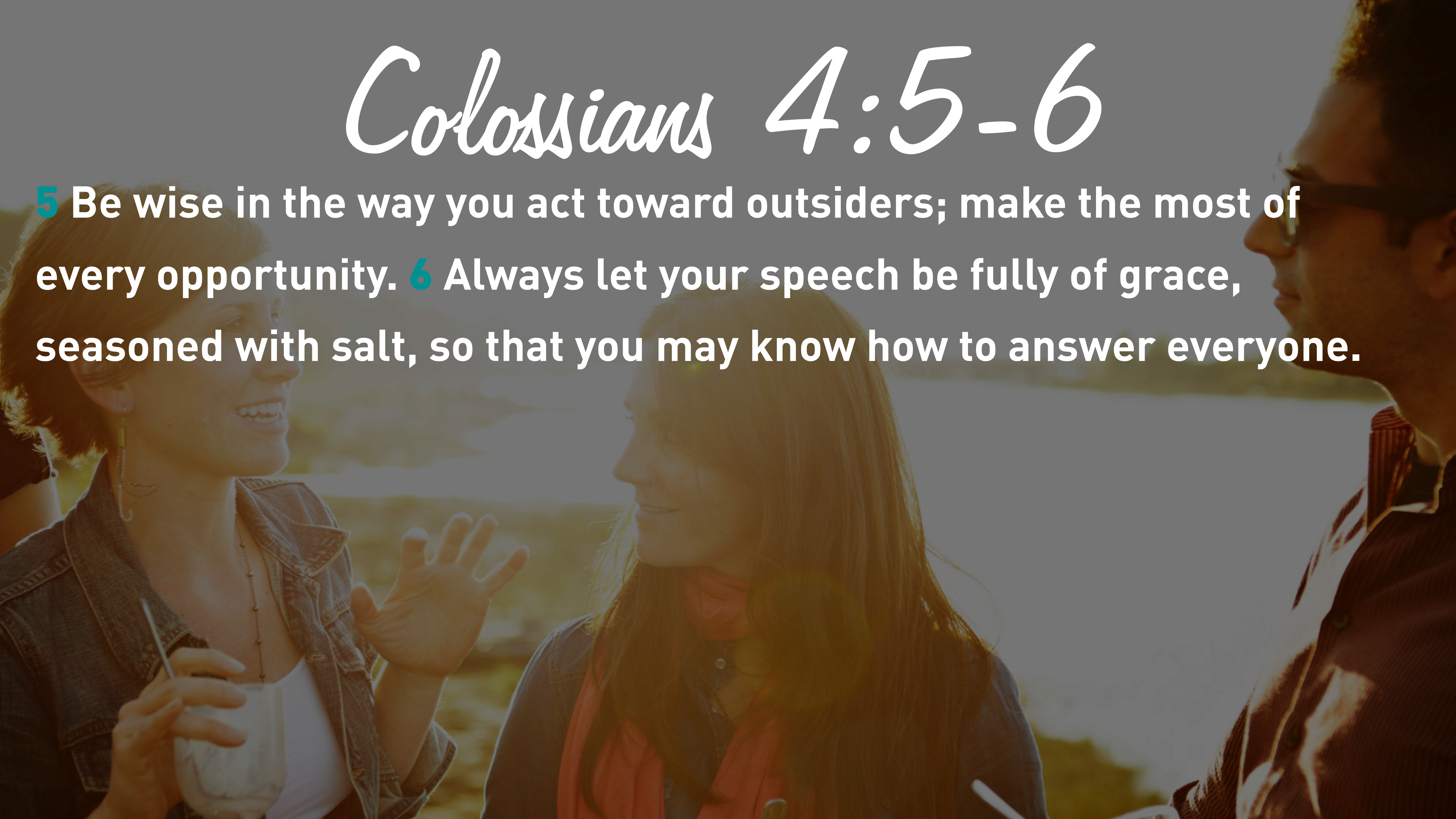
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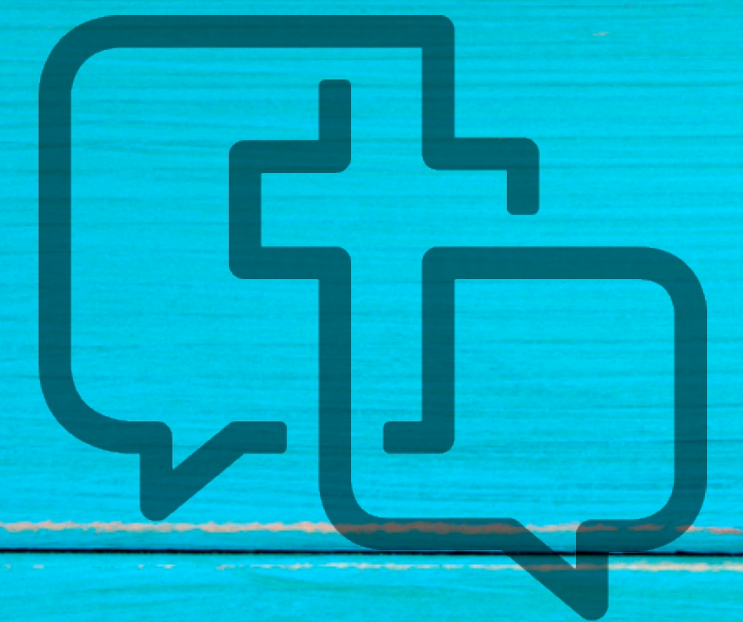
Colossians 4:5-6

5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. **6** Always let your speech be fully of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

A photograph of three people in an outdoor setting, possibly near a lake or river. On the left, a woman with short dark hair, wearing a denim jacket over a white top, is smiling and gesturing with her right hand. In the center, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a dark jacket over a red top, is looking towards the woman on the left. On the right, a man with glasses and a dark shirt is partially visible, looking towards the women. The background shows a body of water and a hazy sky.

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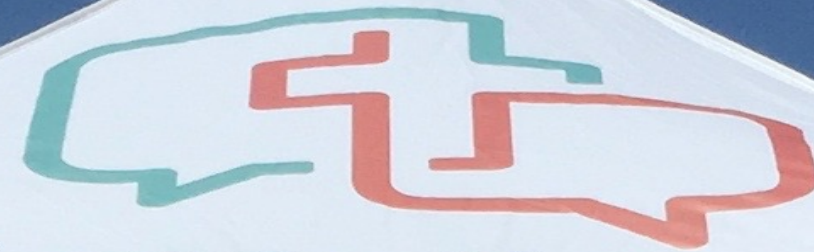


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