



# THE POWER OF WORDS

08/01/2021 "Playing with Fire"

1. What stood out to you from Sunday's message? Why?
2. Thinking back over the past week, what words have stuck—positively or negatively—with you most?
3. When have you been surprised by the influence of your words on others?
4. Read James 3:1-12. As you read, what do you discover about the tongue (i.e. our words)?
5. When you read this passage, is there anything that you wish the author would have included or provided clarity on? How would this help?
6. Would you have put such a dramatic point, using such strong language, on the nature of the tongue? Why or why not?
7. What do you think of James' point that "no one can tame the tongue"?
8. How does James' point impact your perspective on the tongue or your attempt to gain control over your words?
9. James 1:5 instructs us to ask God for wisdom. What role does wisdom have with our words?
10. Have you ever been able to slow down your speech—to pause—and avoid a verbal disaster (James 1:19)? What helped you be successful? What causes you to be unsuccessful?
11. Try to summarize each of the three steps: Pause, Surrender, and Pour. Where in the process do you often get stuck or is there a piece that you often skip?
12. What is one thing you have taken away from this series that you feel God calling you to focus on?