

# TONGUE TWISTER

Isaiah 50:4-10 | James 3:1-12 | Mark 9:14-29

Something \_\_\_\_\_ with great \_\_\_\_\_

Watch the \_\_\_\_\_

The speech \_\_\_\_\_

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

There are about a billion things I could say about the tongue, and the irony is that I probably should say none of them. James, in his letter, is calling on us to perhaps not speak, but to examine ourselves closely about the words that come out of our mouths because those help determine who we are. There is an oft repeated thought along the lines of don't become who the enemy is in trying to defeat the enemy. Fortunately, for James, and for us, we have one who fights for us in Jesus the Messiah. Even, and often, against what we think should be.

Read James 3.

Reflect:

How have you used words to inflict harm? How have others harmed you with words? Which is easier to think of?

Consider how you can use words to speak to the beauty of your fellow image bearers this week. What can be praiseworthy in them?

Respond:

Sticks and stones may break my bones, and words hurt worse.

Remember:

<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness." James 3:17-18