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Sunday, September 19, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Jan Wiley, Guest Pastor
“Words that Hurt/Words That Heal (Gate 4A)”



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Guest Pastor*

Scriptures: [James 3:1-12](#) and [Mark 7:14-23](#)

James 3:1-12

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

² For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.

³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.

⁴ Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!

⁶ And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.

⁷ For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species,

⁸ but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.

¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.

¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?

¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.



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Mark 7:14-23

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand:

¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

¹⁷ When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable.

¹⁸ He said to them, “Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile,

¹⁹ since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.)

²⁰ And he said, “It is what comes out of a person that defiles.

²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder,

²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly.

²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.” ([top](#))