

## Lost in Translation, Week 2: Life or Death

### **Proverbs 18:12 (MSG)**

*“Words kill, words give life; they’re either poison or fruit—you choose.”*

### **Ephesians 4:29**

*“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”*

### **James 3:2-6**

*“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. When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.”*

### **James 3:9-12**

*“With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.”*

1. Your tongue has the power to direct the course of your life.
2. Your tongue has the power to damage your life and others.
3. Your tongue can reveal a divided heart.

### **Matthew 15:18**

*“But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart and these defile him”*

### **1 John 1:9**

*“If we confess our sins He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”*