

**OPEN MIC**  
**Mic Test: Sticks and Stones**

**Does talk matter?**

1. God is listening.

*“Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.” Ecclesiastes 5:2 (NIV)*

2. **Our words will outlive us.**

*“And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak.” Matthew 12:36 (NLT)*

3. **The moment we speak, we take ownership.**

4. **Words have the power to build or destroy.**

*“Words kill, words give life; they’re either poison or fruit- you choose.” Proverbs 18:21 (MSG)*

5. **Words can never be unsaid.**

*“Careless words stab like a sword, but wise words bring healing.” Proverbs 12:18 (NCB)*

6. **Talk Tells Our Future.**

*“Those who guard their lips preserve their lives, but those who speak rashly will come to ruin.” Proverbs 13:3 (NIV)*

*All who were there spoke well of Him and were amazed by the beautiful words that fell from His lips. “How can this be?” they asked. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” Luke 4:22*

*The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14*

## John 8

*At dawn He appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around Him, and He sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing Him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with His finger. When they kept on questioning Him, He straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."*