

The Crossing
“Weighing What We Say”
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Main Scripture: 2 Corinthians 7

Referenced Scripture: James 3:1, Psalm 19:14, Matthew 16:23, Colossians 1:16

OPEN:

1. What in particular spoke to you from Pastor Bob’s message?
2. In what way are the words we speak a reflection of what is in our hearts (**Matthew 12:34**)?

DIG DEEPER:

1. From **2 Corinthians 7:1-12** Pastor Bob gave us four key points that are the real “weight of our words”. The first point being *Some Good Heartfelt Regret*, as demonstrated in **v.7**. How have you know heartfelt regret over what you said, how it was said, and even what wasn’t said?
2. The second key point is *Repentance That Brings Rejoicing* as we find in **vv.9-10**. How does godly sorrow differ from worldly sorrow? How does “godly sorrow produce repentance”? How does repentance bring rejoicing? How have you experienced this in your own life?
3. The third key point is *Getting the Front End Aligned*. “Front end” refers to our mouths. How can we practically use the fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22**) as a guide to getting our front end re-aligned?
4. The fourth key point is *Rationale Behind The Rhetoric*, as seen in **vv.11-12**. In what way was Paul interested in the fix being clearly seen as the sin was clearly seen? What does this reveal to you about God’s heart?
5. Read **James 3:1-12**. What is the difficulty with the tongue? How is it dangerous in relationships, in churches?
6. How does James make the point that our tongues control our lives? How have you found this to be true?

REFLECT:

1. What hinders you from applying the principles from this message and study in your life to better control your tongue?
2. Instead of making excuses for now saying something, how can you exercise restraint and allow God’s peace and wisdom to guide you?

MEMORY VERSE:

Psalm 19:14

*“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.”*