Gathering Time (Sermon Outline)

Date: _____

James – Watch Your Mouth

Words _____

[1] Not many should become teachers, my brothers, because you know that we will receive a stricter judgment. [2] For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is mature, able also to control the whole body. James 3:1-2

Our Words…

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  [3] Now if we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we direct their whole bodies. [4] And consider ships: Though very large and driven by fierce winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. [5a] So too, though the tongue is a small part of the body, it boasts great things. James 3:3-5a

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  [5b] Consider how a small fire sets ablaze a large forest. [6] And the tongue is a fire. The tongue, a world of unrighteousness, is placed among our members. It stains the whole body, sets the course of life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. [7] Every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and fish is tamed and has been tamed by humankind, [8] but no one can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. James 3:5b-8

  [9] With the tongue we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in God's likeness. [10] Blessing and cursing come out of the same mouth. My brothers and sisters, these things should not be this way. [11] Does a spring pour out sweet and bitter water from the same opening? [12] Can a fig tree produce olives, my brothers and sisters, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a saltwater spring yield fresh water. James 3:9-12

- *May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.* Psalm 19:14

- *A good person produces good things from his storeroom of good, and an evil person produces evil things from his storeroom of evil.* Matthew 12:35

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