**Non Series Message**

**Message: Slip of the Tongue**

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***Matthew 12:34-35***

*For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. 35A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.*

1. **Your tongue is disproportionately powerful.**

**James 3**

*5 the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts.*

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*Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. 6The 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.*

*7All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, 8but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.*

*9With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. 10Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.*

1. **Four Protective Questions**

**A. “Is this what I really want to say?”**

**B. “Is this true?”**

***Exodus 20:16***

*You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.*

**C. “Is this necessary?”**

**D. “Is this kind?”**