



James 3:1-12

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Warning about Words (Verses 1-2)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. (James 3:1-2)

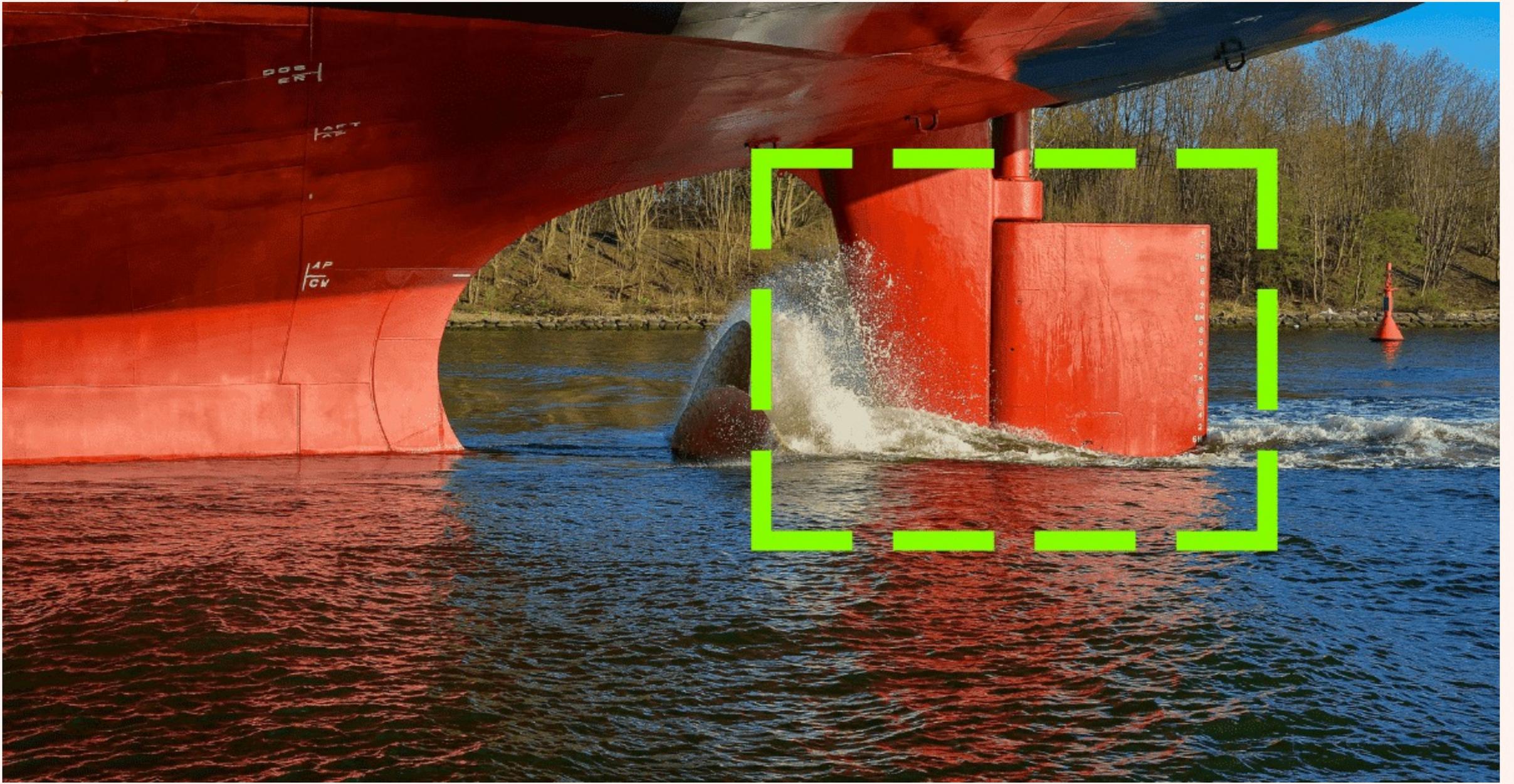


Tongue: Disproportionally Powerful (Vs 3-4)

If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. (James 3:3-4)



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Tongue: A Fiery Evil Within (Verse 5-6)

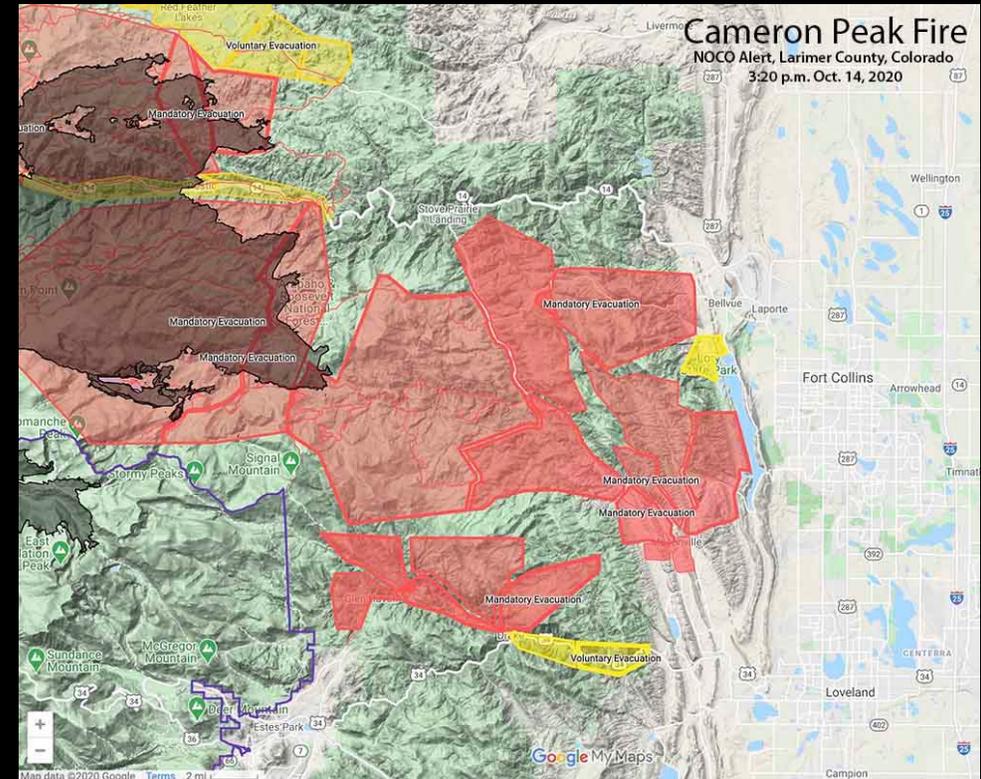
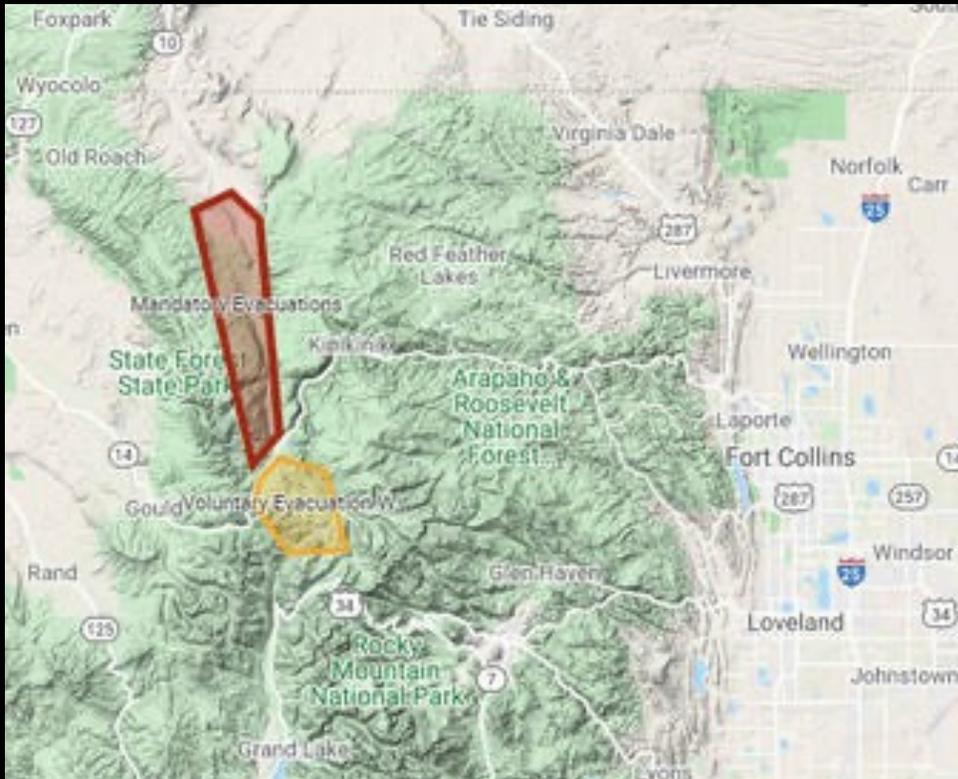
How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.

(James 3:5-6)





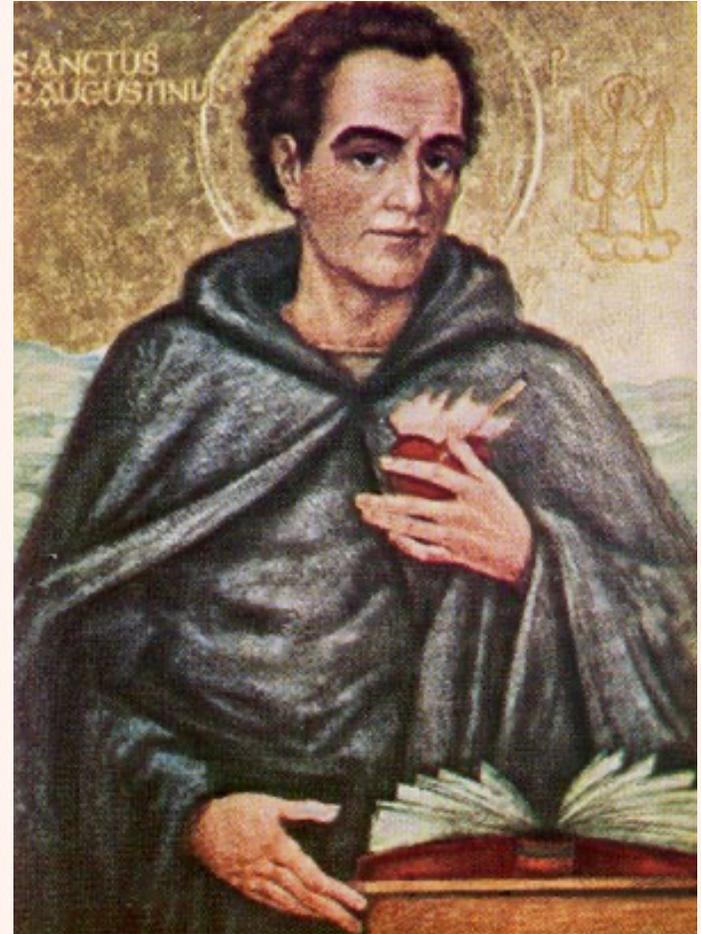
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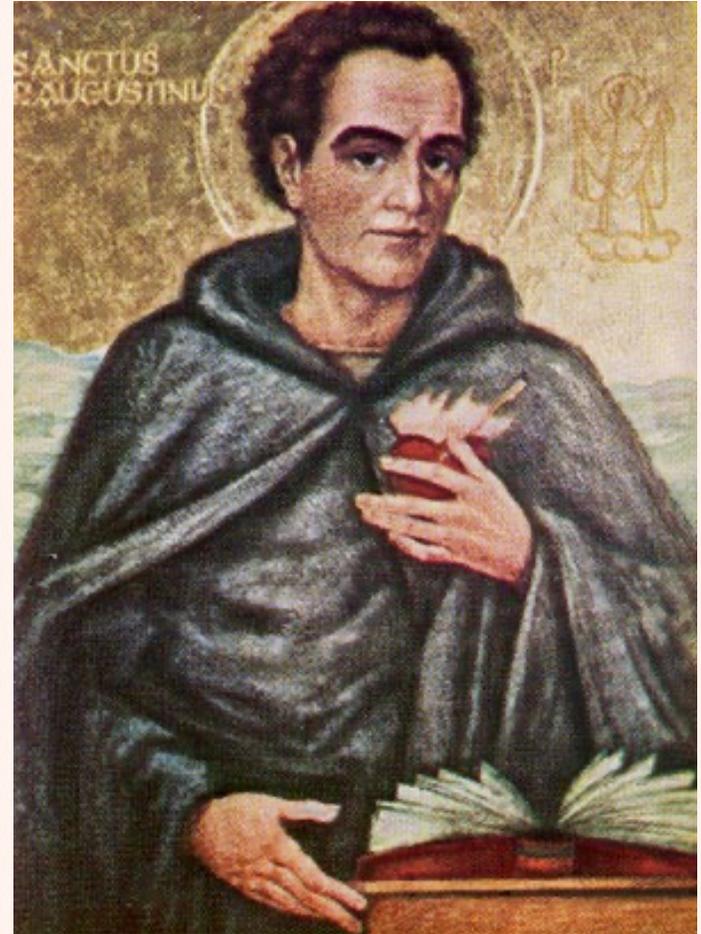
Tongue: Untamable Predator (Verse 7-8)

“And [James] said this, not with a view to our permitting, through our neglect, the continuance of so great an evil to ourselves, but in order that we might be induced to request the help of divine grace for the taming of the tongue...”



Tongue: Untamable Predator (Verse 7-8)

“...For he does not say: ‘None can tame the tongue’; but ‘No man’; in order that, when it is tamed, we may acknowledge it to be effected by the mercy of God, the help of God, the grace of God.” ~Augustine



Tongue's Words: Reveal what's inside (Verses 9-12)

With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be SO...

Tongue's Words: Reveal what's inside (Vs 9-12)

...Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.
(James 3:9-12)



Tongue's Words: Reveal what's inside (Vs 9-12)

“...each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.” (Luke 6:43-45)

Words in Proverbs = Destruction or Life

Proverbs 12:18

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts,

but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 10:21

The lips of the righteous feed many,

but fools die for lack of sense.

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