



Series: Me and My Big Mouth

Sermon: Part 1: Listen Before You Speak

Date: Sunday, September 18th, 2022

We may not physically touch them, but we make sure they know that we are upset as we use our _____ to make them pay for upsetting us.

“What you say flows from what is in your heart.” (Luke 6:45 NLT)

The words we use _____ what is really going on in our hearts.

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry...” (James 1:19)

James is not saying don't speak, but he's saying to have a delay in speaking only _____ you have heard what was said.

Followers of Jesus _____ first before they speak.

Whenever we have this kind of posture to speak before we listen, our speech will _____ a lot of people and our relationships will _____.

“...because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.” (James 1:20)

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35)

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

Listening Before You Speak:

1. Go to God in _____



2. Listen by leading with _____, not opinions or accusations

- a. Can you tell me what you are concerned or worried about?
- b. When you said this, can you tell me a little bit more about what you meant?
- c. Can you explain why you have that perspective?
- d. How are you feeling about this situation?
- e. Did I do anything or contribute to the way you are feeling?
- f. What would it take for us to move forward, even if we don't agree on everything?

3. Fighting for the relationship, not fighting to just be _____ all the time

- 1. My agenda: “what I want”
- 2. The other person’s agenda: “what they want”
- 3. God’s agenda: “what God wants”

“It is not about me, but it is about _____.”

Bottom Line: *Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to be angry.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. Reflect on a time when you spoke quickly before listening. How did your speech hurt the other person and affect the relationship?
- 2. If what we say flows from our heart, then what does your speech reveal about what is really going on in your heart?
- 3. How may God be inviting you to address the hurts, unforgiveness, trauma, self-righteousness, unmet expectations, etc. in your heart?
- 4. Who do you need to be quick to listen to, slow to speak with, and slow to be angry with?

Songs used in service: House of The Lord (Phil Wickham), Man of Your Word (Maverick City Music), God Of This City (Chris Tomlin), Jireh (Maverick City Music & Elevation Worship), Every Praise (Hezekiah Walker)

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Any prayer requests?

Name: _____ **Email (so we can follow up):** _____

What can we be praying for you about?