



North Church Message Notes

Climate Change Breathing Fresh Air

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The words we speak shape the air around us.

James 3:2-10 (NLT)

2 Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect (fully spiritually mature) and could also control ourselves in every other way. 3 We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. 4 And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. 5 In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. 6 And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself. 7 People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, 8 but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. 9 Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. 10 And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!

Hebrews 3:13, *"But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness."*

"Our words not only have a shelf life but they also shape life." – Bob Goff

Job 11:13-15 Contemporary English Version (CEV)

13 Surrender your heart to God,
 turn to him in prayer,
14 and give up your sins—
 even those you do in secret.
15 Then you won't be ashamed;
you will be confident
 and fearless.

Homework :: Ask someone you trust...

- Are my words a breath of fresh air?
- Or are they adding to the pollution?