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Sermon Outline – October 7, 2007
Living Beyond Myself - Part 5
“Living Beyond Myself by What I Say”

“Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.”

James 3:1-12

Truths about the Tongue:

1. The tongue is small but _____
2. The tongue is small but _____
3. The tongue is small but _____

Living beyond myself by...

1. **Rethinking** _____

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

Romans 12:2

2. **Leading with my ears and** _____

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak ...”

James 1:19

3. **Biting my tongue** _____

“If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

James 1:26

4. **Using my tongue to** _____

“Let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:25

5. **Surrendering my** _____

- Is it true?
- Is it necessary?
- Is it beneficial?
- Do I have permission to share it?
- Is my motive pure?