

How do we do the impossible?

Hint: The answer is God!

God first, God last, God in the middle. God, God, God!

- (1) James gives us forceful, cautionary advice about becoming teachers because of the power and negative potential of the tongue, 3:1-5a.
 - (2) James warns that the potential destruction by the tongue evades perception and exceeds our ability to tame, 3:5b-8.
 - (3) James speaks against the unacceptable contradiction of blessing and cursing from the same mouth, 3:9-12.
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Revisit: How do we do the impossible?

God. God's word. Only God can tame our tongue!

We do the impossible by listening to and trusting God fully.

We have the opportunity to be fresh water.

No more human pollution.

Fresh water springs from the living water fountain of God.

No more rationalizations.

Listen to and obey God's teaching as to how we speak to other people.

No more human principles overshadowing God's truth.

Understand the potential for either destroying or building.

No more excuses.



Tame this? Yes!



Tame this? Never!