

# Coffee Talk

Week Five

James chapter Three

~ Encourage ~

~ Strengthen ~

~ Share ~

You'll be *encouraged* as you hear each story of trial and growth, faith and grace, love and healing.

You'll be *strengthened* as you complete our simple and uplifting Bible study.

You'll *share* your growing joy and faith with others!

It's *contagious!*



# Welcome!

We're glad you're here. Coffee Talk is the summer series for our Faith & Fellowship women's ministry at LMCC. Each week we meet and hear teaching from God's word as well as testimonies of women like you who have lived and moved through challenges and have found strength and hope in God and through His Word. We love to connect in person and online through social media. Follow, Check-in, and join the online community!



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## Discussion Questions

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*Just for fun...*

- What was your favorite t.v. show growing up?
- What t.v. character are you most like?

*Think and share...*

- What is the easiest thing about your faith to you?
- What is the hardest?
- James 1:5 says, *"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him."* Share a time when you feel God answered this prayer for you.
- Share something you learned, were challenged by, or found encouragement in from the previous week's study through James chapters 1 & 2

# “Saved By Grace”

with Cathy Wells

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with Monica Chavez

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# Coffee Talk Summer Study

## Week Five ~ James Chapter Three

This study is designed to offer daily time in the Word of God for the purpose of understanding better who God is and in so doing knowing ourselves and our purpose better. This is a simple, light study to give you an overview of Scripture and an exposure to thinking biblically and studying exegetically.

We'll read, think, pray, write, consider, and apply the truths and concepts we find in the Word of God. Use any version of the Bible you're comfortable with. I recommend the English Standard Version (ESV) Bible. You can also use a smartphone app, but getting the Bible into your hands will elevate your experience, so I strongly advise you use a good ol' fashioned Bible. Be willing to write and highlight and take notes in your Bible. Set aside time every day, and grow in the discipline of actual study. Amazing rewards await those who take the time to read and study God's Word. The next few weeks we'll be reading and studying through the book of James.

### **Lots of ways to join the study in community:**

- LIVE weekdays at 7am → [www.Zoom.us/j/5627554964](http://www.Zoom.us/j/5627554964) or [www.Facebook.com/LMCCWomen](http://www.Facebook.com/LMCCWomen)
- The recording any time → [www.DwellingRichly.Podbean.com](http://www.DwellingRichly.Podbean.com) or iTunes, podcast app, or YouTube on the "Jennifer Richmond" channel Coffee Talk Bible Study playlist on your phone

### *~ This Week's Focus ~*

*The words you speak are a reflection of your heart. Get wise with your words and your life by spending time filling your mind with the wisdom of God.*

## *Day One – Read James chapter three*

Read James 3:1-18 use the facing page to write any notes, thoughts, questions, even drawings, that will help you engage and understand the Scripture.

1. As you read, make a list of the metaphors James uses to help us picture the power of the tongue. Or, why not draw a little picture of each one? Either way, it's interesting to note how agile James is with these word pictures, don't you think?

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2. Make note of any phrases or concepts that James uses here in chapter three that are familiar from earlier in chapters one and two:

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- Notes from James 3:1-18 -

## Day Two – Read James 3:1-4

1. What warning does James open with in this passage? When he says “we,” to whom do you think he is referring? (James 3:1)  
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2. Have you ever been a teacher in any capacity? If so, do you relate to the warning and the sense of responsibility that is greater for teachers? Share your thoughts:  
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3. Have you or someone you have known ever experienced hardship because of the words of a teacher you respected that turned out to be poor guidance or worse, blatantly wrong? Share your thoughts:  
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4. What an amazing goal to “not stumble in what [one] says.” Read Proverbs 10:19-21. What does this say about our words and the potential for trouble to you?  
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5. When James says “he is a *perfect* man,” he’s not saying we must be perfect, no one is perfect but God. What is he saying then about someone who does not stumble (sin) in what he says?  
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6. Does this seem attainable to you? Why or why not?  
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7. In what way do these verses point you to your need for a Savior in Jesus Christ?  
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## Day Three – Read James 3:5-8

1. James 3:5 refers to the tongue as a \_\_\_\_\_ yet it does what? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you seen this to be true in your own life?

Explain:

2. Comparing the power of the tongue to a wildfire hits close to home for those of us raised in Southern California. Fire season is a real threat and comes every year with terrible loss of property and life. In James 3:6 what do you think James means when he says “setting on fire the entire course of life” and “set on fire by hell?”

3. James 3:7-8 warns that no “human being” can tame the tongue. Yet this passage is a reminder of the mandate given to Adam at creation that man was given dominion over the animals. If man is given dominion (Genesis 1:26) over something as untamable as wild animals – and yet they can be tamed – who can be given dominion over our tongues – and therefore we have hope for its taming? Consider James 1:16-18 and 26.

4. Read Psalm 19:1-14 How can one give dominion of their tongue to Jesus? Where does it start? List truths you find in this Psalm that point you to the right way of thinking that it takes in order for you to tame your tongue – what you read about who God is, what God does, what His Word is like, etc.:

5. Write Psalm 19:14 here:

Make this your prayer today.

## Day Four – Read James 3:9-12

1. Read James 3:9. Write ways in which you do the following:

Bless our Lord and Father

Curse people

*Confess any tendency you have to “curse people who are made in the likeness of God,” and ask God to help you live more like Jesus in this.*

2. What metaphors (word pictures) does James use to illustrate the absurdity of blessing and cursing coming from the same mouth?

3. Read Luke 6:43-49. This is a bold and hard truth that Jesus is teaching – especially verse 49. It goes in line with James’ teaching in chapter three. Summarize this passage with the key points we should be living out in our lives today:

## Day Five – Read James 3:13-18

1. How are we to show that we are truly wise? (3:13)

2. What did Jesus say about meekness? Read Matthew 5:5

3. What qualities does James set up as the opposites of “meekness of wisdom?” (James 3:14)

4. Compare James’ point in 3:14-15 with his teaching back in 1:17-18.

From whom do all good things come? \_\_\_\_\_ (1:17-18)

How did God bring us forth? \_\_\_\_\_ (1:17-18)

When we act boastfully with bitter jealousy and selfish ambition, what are we being false toward? \_\_\_\_\_ (3:14)

Where does this type of behavior come from? \_\_\_\_\_ (1:15)

5. How will this teaching impact your behavior today and in the future?

6. What does James say is the root of the issue in a situation where the behaviors of the people are defined by “jealousy and selfish ambition?”

7. Review James 3:13-18. Think of your family, coworkers, church groups. Consider the qualities James has outlined in these verses – godly and ungodly. From these verses, list the characteristics of each here and keep this in mind as you seek to engage wisely in each area of your life:

Wisdom from Above

Earthly, Unspiritual, Demonic

8. Write James 3:18. How can you be a person who “makes peace” in your life today?

*Why not take the time to memorize James 3:18 today?*

*You are loved  
and prayed for.*

