

A woman with blonde hair is wearing a red knit beanie, black pixelated sunglasses, and a teal and purple jacket. She is holding teal headphones to her ears. The background is a solid light blue color.

RAD: 3. Watch Your Words



QUESTIONS:

- **Have you gotten angry because of someone's words recently?**
- **Was it what they said, how they said it, or the relationship you both have? Explain.**



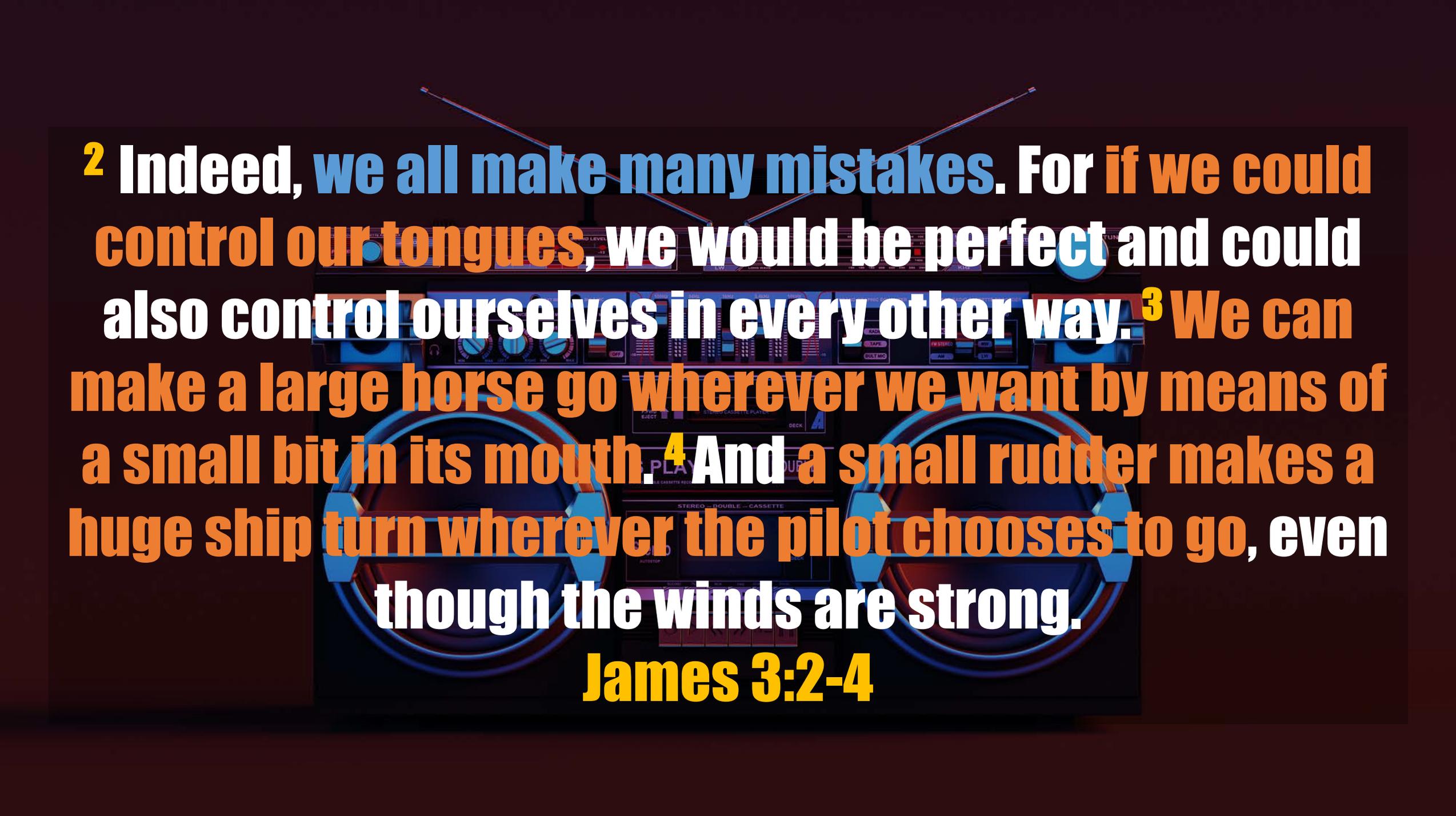
QUESTIONS:

- **Have you been hurt or embarrassed by someone's words recently?**
- **Why do you think people are so hateful?**

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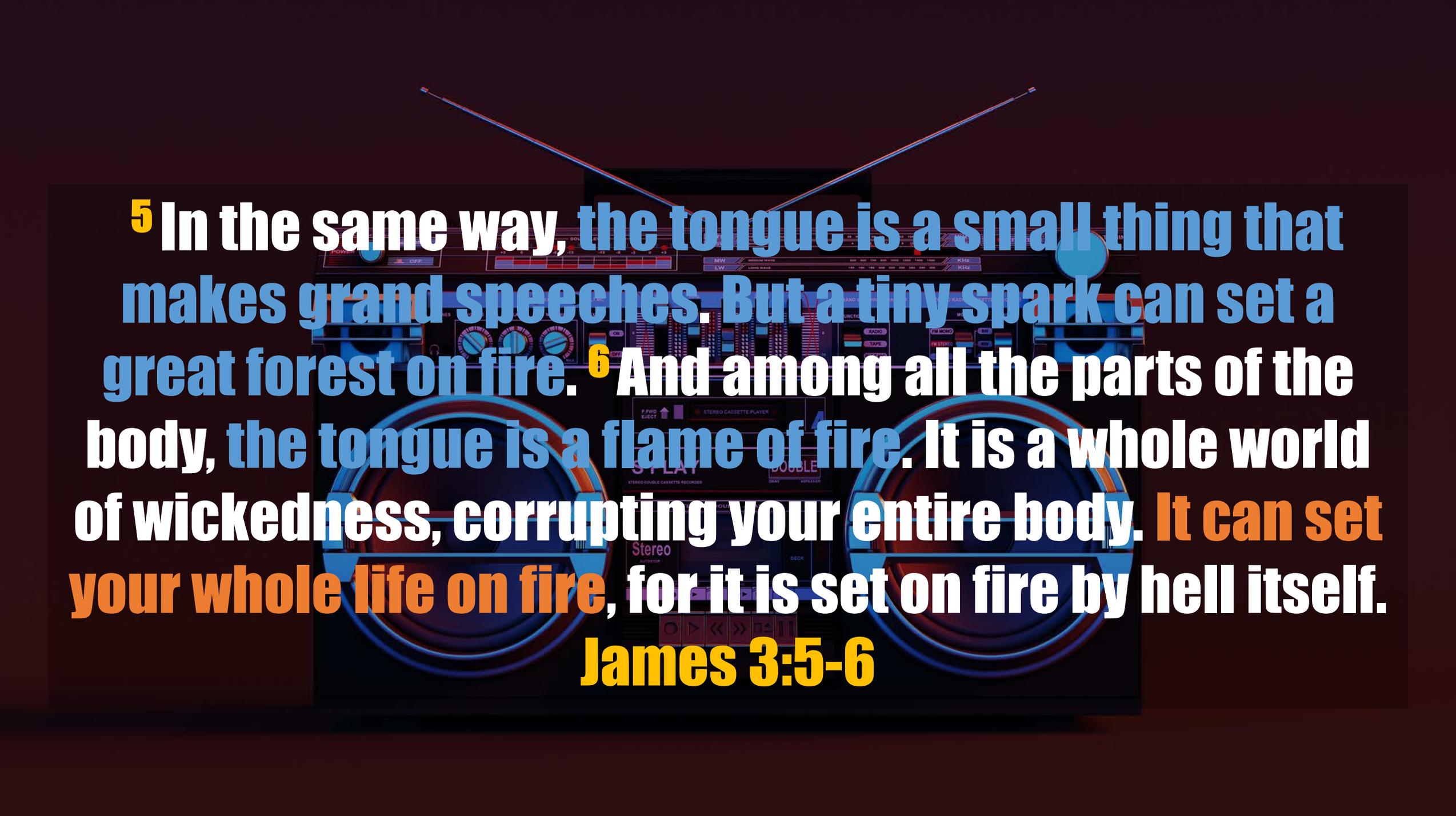
- **Have you said anything to anger, hurt, or embarrass someone recently?**
- **What happened? Why did it happen? What ended up happening?**





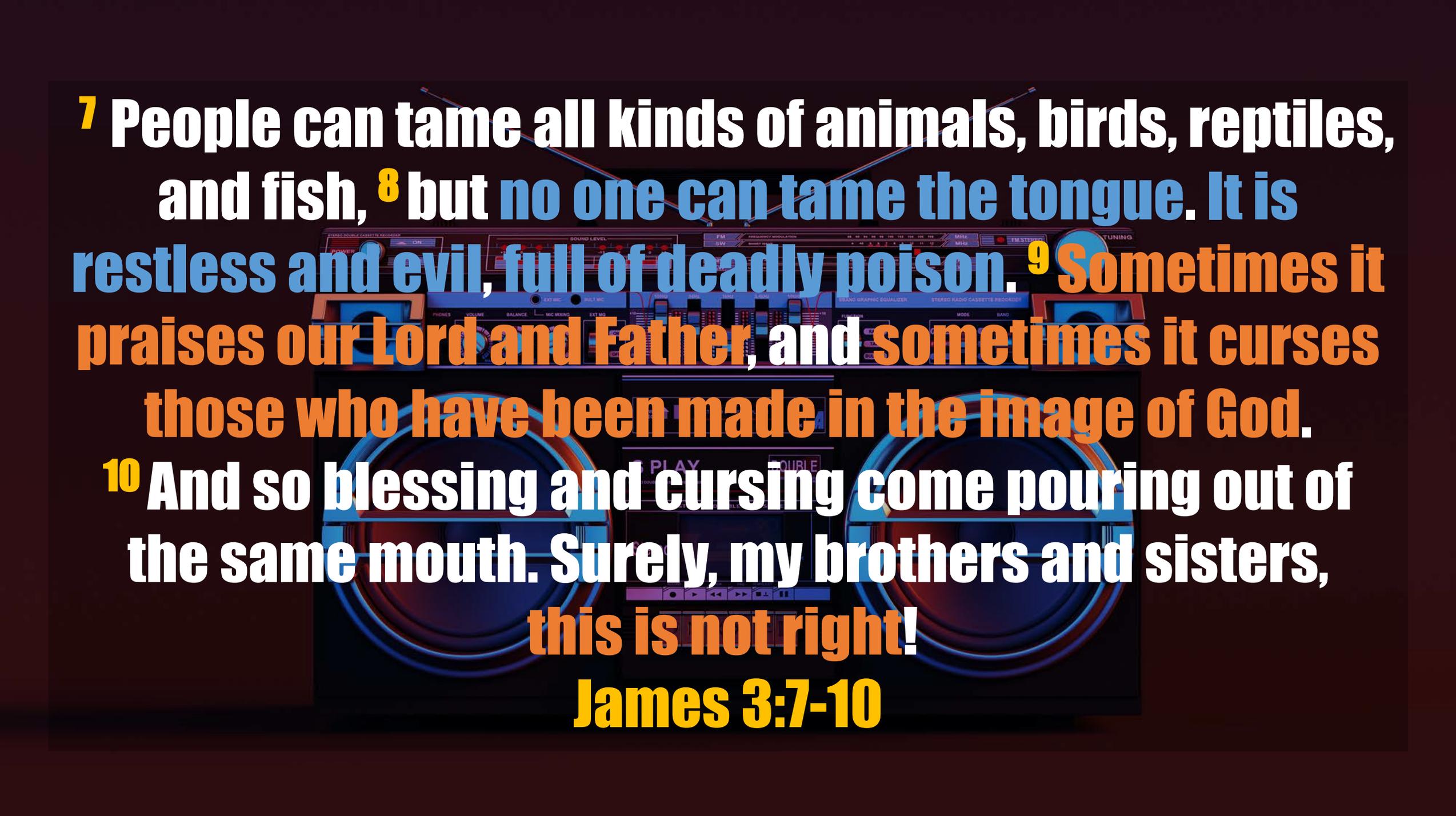
2 Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way. **3** We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. **4** And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong.

James 3:2-4



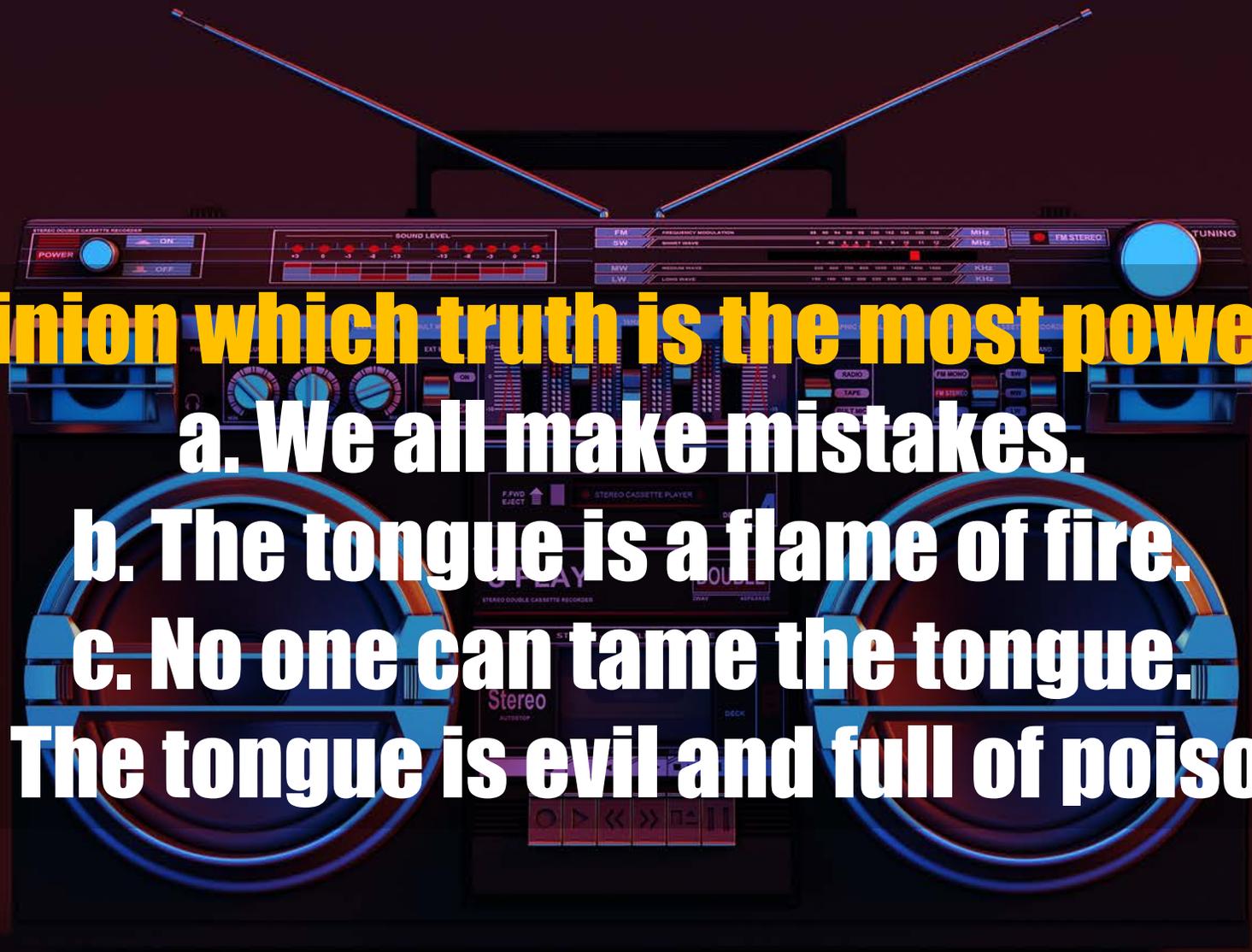
5 In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. **6** And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. **It can set your whole life on fire**, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

James 3:5-6



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!

James 3:7-10



In your opinion which truth is the most powerful truth?

- a. We all make mistakes.**
- b. The tongue is a flame of fire.**
- c. No one can tame the tongue.**
- d. The tongue is evil and full of poison.**



WHAT IS THE LESSON:

- a) Words are small, but they make a huge impact.
- b) Words are powerful and destructive at the same time.
- c) Words can get out of hand real fast.
- d) Think before you speak.



Be Careful:

Words are like tattoos—you can't take it back. You can apologize for hurtful things you said, but the wound will not simply disappear.

Strategies:

Think Before You Speak

Before you send a text, post a comment, or make a joke pause and think about the impact it will make.

Forgive When Words Hurt

Forgiveness is for you, not them. It does not allow them to have power over you. Let it go and move on.

Choose Words That Help

Say words that will help, inspire, impact, and influence lives.





RADICAL PEOPLE WATCH THEIR WORDS.



Think twice before
you speak, because
your words and
influence will plant
the seed of either
success or failure in
the minds of others.

Napoleon Hill

The words you say
can hurt you or
help you. "Change
your words and you
change your life."
Joyce Meyer





Perhaps you will forget tomorrow the kind words you say today, but the recipient may cherish them over a lifetime. Dale Carnegie