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o November 30<sup>th</sup> 2008

# Sermon notes

A WEEKLY RESOURCE FOR AIDING THE APPLICATION OF THIS SUNDAY'S SERMON AT REDEEMER TO YOUR LIFE.

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. How can you personally describe the connection between sinful pride and critical speech? Examples anyone?
2. What does changing our view of others as brothers (and sisters) for whom Christ died, do for what we would decide to say about them?
3. Rather than focusing on what we *think* we know about a person who we're critical of, what are some things pastor Tony suggested we should focus on?
4. Explore as a group how this area of temptation and the church's handling of it demonstrates the gospel (Jn. 13:35)?

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James 4:11-12

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Tony Felich

*An honest and humble self-awareness guards us from sins against humility.*

• **Our speech reveals our hearts so we must constantly scrutinize what we say**

- James addresses the issue of our speech throughout
- What is it to "speak evil against" one another? (11)
  - +To defame, denigrate, or slander another
  - +To question authority in a divisive way (Numbers 21:5)
  - +Slandering someone in secret (Psalm 101:5)
  - +Bringing an incorrect accusation (1 Peter 2:12, 3:16)

**Critical speech reveals a profound level of pride (11b-12)**

- We take the place of THE Judge
- We put ourselves in opposition to God's "Law of Love"

**Guarding against speaking evil or unbiblically judging one another must be a chief focus in living out our faith in Christ**

- A personal transformation in the areas of heart and speech is needed
- A communal commitment to make godly speech a priority and practice must be declared and upheld by each member

## Redeemer Happenings

*Moldova Mission Report this Sunday night. Mary Franz and Norma Morse will be sharing about their recent experience ministering in Moldova. Join us at 6pm.*

