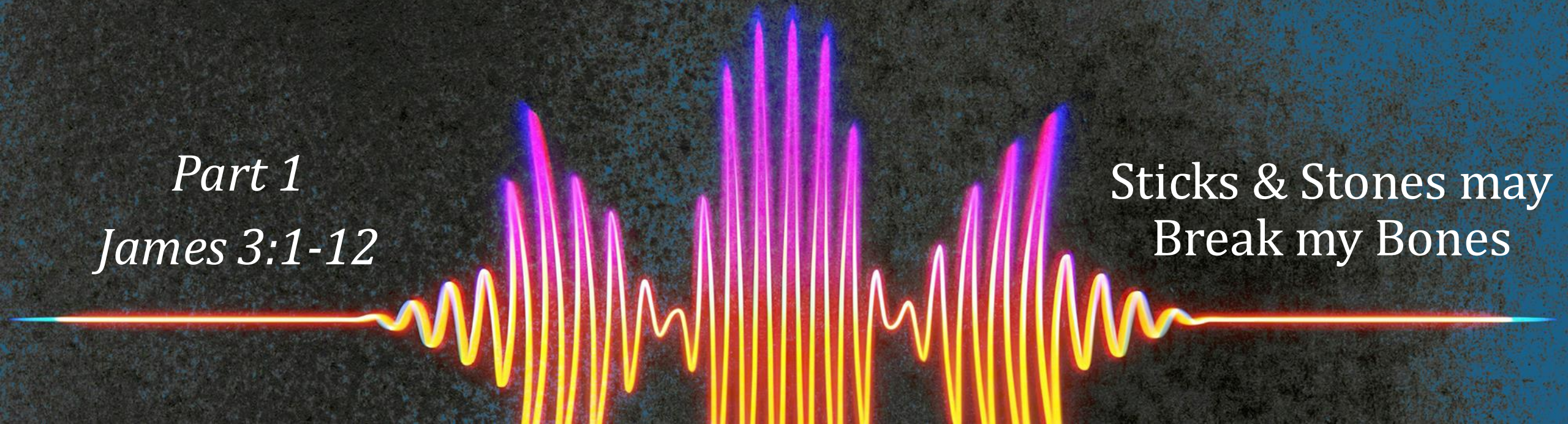


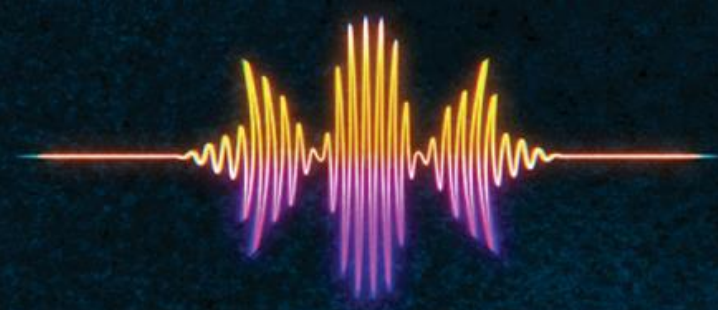
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Part 1
James 3:1-12

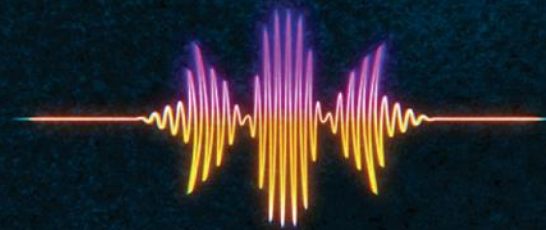
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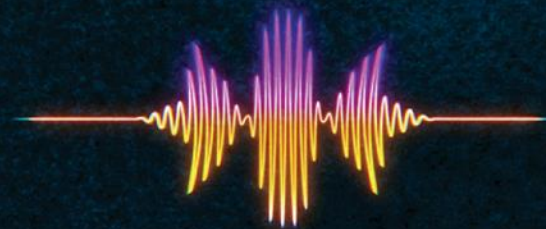


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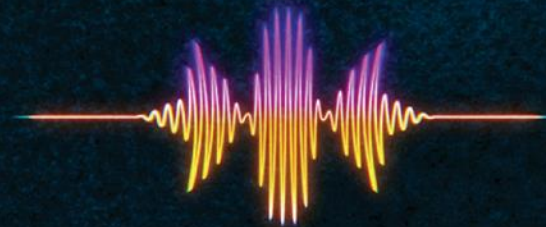
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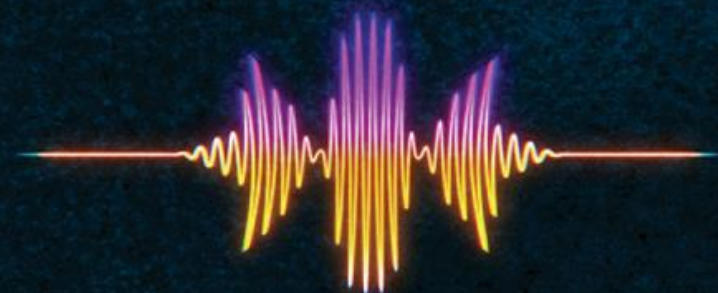


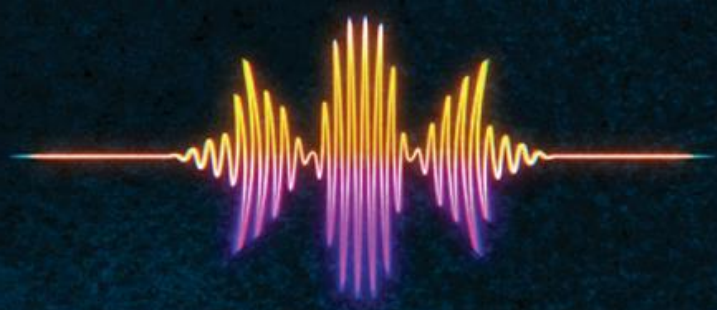
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Our words are a heart issue.

Jesus changes hearts.

**Changed hearts produce
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So what do we do?

- 1. Acknowledge the seriousness of the problem.**
- 2. Confess sinful speech quickly. Seek God's forgiveness and power to help you change.**
- 3. Attack the source, not just the symptoms.**
- 4. Invite accountability.**
- 5. Memorize and meditate on appropriate verses.**

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For the next 7 days ...

- 1. Meditate on Ps. 19:14*
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- 3. Use your words to give life – every day*

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