

## Part 2: The Danger of a Bad Report

Proverbs 18:21

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Numbers 14:1-4

1 That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. 2 All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert! 3 Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?" 4 And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

5 Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. 6 Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes 7 and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good.

Numbers 14:35-37

35 I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will surely do these things to this whole wicked community, which has banded together against me. They will meet their end in this desert; here they will die." 36 So the men Moses had sent to explore the land, who returned and made the whole community grumble against him by spreading a bad report about it- 37 these men responsible for spreading the bad report about the land were struck down and died of a plague before the Lord.

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### Message notes:

The most \_\_\_\_\_ thing you will deal with in your life is your tongue.

There are \_\_\_\_\_ around all of us.

We live in a \_\_\_\_\_ culture.

Jesus said we will give an account on \_\_\_\_\_ that comes from your mouth.

Be \_\_\_\_\_, because words matter. The way you challenge and disagree with things matters.

What voices and who you listen to will determine your \_\_\_\_\_.

Be careful of killing the \_\_\_\_\_ of your spouse or children.

If you're not believing God for something, you're in the realm of your \_\_\_\_\_.

It's better to fail trying to \_\_\_\_\_ God than fail because I'm fearing God won't come through for me.

### Additional notes:

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### Discussion Questions:

1. The message included an example of a heart monitor compared to a "word monitor" of our life. As you do an inventory of your words from the past week, what do you see?
2. Pastor Jamie talked about the importance of aligning our words with faith. What are some practical ways you can actively choose to speak words of encouragement and faith in your conversations this week?
3. Pastor Jamie talked about how certain people can crush the dreams of others through negative words and lack of faith. What can you do in your life to make sure you aren't a "dream killer"?
4. Pastor Jamie spoke about the importance of being on the same page in your marriage. How do you work to find agreement in your marriage?
5. Pastor Jamie shared how fear spread among the Israelites when they heard the negative report which led them to doubt God's promises. Think about a time when fear held you back from pursuing something you believed in. What steps can you take to overcome that fear in the future?

### Ministry Time:

Pray for anyone who has felt their dreams killed by a "dream killer". Speak words of encouragement over them from the Holy Spirit.

Pray for anyone who needs to ask forgiveness for their words, especially within their marriage or parenting.