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Today's Message: Grace Filled Speech (Salty Language)

Today's Text: Colossians 4:5-6

“Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.” **Colossians 4:5-6**

“If with heart and soul you’re doing good, do you think you can be stopped? Even if you suffer for it, you’re still better off. Don’t give the opposition a second thought. Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master. Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you’re living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy. Keep a clear conscience before God so that when people throw mud at you, none of it will stick. They’ll end up realizing that they’re the ones who need a bath. It’s better to suffer for doing good, if that’s what God wants, than to be punished for doing bad.” **I Peter 3:13-17** (The Message)

“The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life.” **Proverbs 10:11a**

“From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.” **James 3:10-12**

“A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.” **Proverbs 15:4**

“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.” **Matthew 12:33-34**

1. The grace filled life flows from an ongoing _____ of the _____ and _____ found in Christ.

2. We speak from the _____ of our heart affections.

3. To “answer” well we must: (1) embrace biblically saturated, informed thinking, (2) listen to understand, (3) befriend, and (4) continuously pray.

“Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.”
Proverbs 16:24