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<p>"If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all." Romans 12:18</p>	<p>If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all.</p>
<p>Mike and Simon in cabin</p>	<p>Mike: Created in the image and likeness of God, we are called to live in communion with one another. As the Father loves the Son and the Son loves the Father, in the Holy Spirit, so we ought to love one another, and live as neighbors and brothers. Discord was sown in the garden of Eden, and again by the sons of Adam, but God the Father is now restoring the communion of brotherhood through his Son Jesus Christ in the Church Christ founded.</p>
	<p>Simon: But one of the most common ways that we continue to sow discord is by sins of the tongue. An unkind word, an insult, a lie, words of detraction - these are not just failures in the virtue of charity, but destructive of the divine communion that we were created for. In this episode of Moral Compass, we will examine various "sins of the tongue," and their corrosive effects on that communion. Let us pause, and reason together.</p>
<p>OPENING</p>	<p>OPENING</p>
<p>"The tongue is a little member and boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is an unrighteous world among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the cycle of nature, and set on fire by hell. ... A restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brethren, this ought not to be so." James 3:5-10</p>	<p>The tongue is a little member and boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is an unrighteous world among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the cycle of nature, and set on fire by hell. ... A restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brethren, this ought not to be so.</p>



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	<p>Mike: St. James goes so far as to claim that if we're able to tame our tongues, then we're already able to tame the rest of our bodies. Maybe this explains why so many of us who avoid sins like murder and theft and adultery still seem to have a problem with sins like lying, harsh words, and gossip. The tongue is the hardest to tame. But if this is true, then we should give <i>special attention</i> to taming it. First among the sins of the tongue is <i>the lie</i>.</p>
A LYING TONGUE	
<p>"Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator." Colossians 3:9-10</p>	<p>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.</p>
<p>"When [the devil] lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies." John 8:44</p>	<p>When the devil lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.</p>
Simon hiking	<p>Simon: "A lie," wrote St. Augustine, "consists in speaking a falsehood with the intention of deceiving."</p>
	<p>Simon: In this way, a lie manifests profound disrespect both for truth and for the people who are deceived by falsehood. According to the tradition of the Church, lying is always wrong.</p>



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	<p>Lying can be a more or less serious wrong, depending on the kind of lie, the intention, the degree of harm it stands to do, and the circumstances - like if the lie is made under oath.</p>
	<p>Jokes and fictional stories, of course, are not lies. Your manner of speaking or the circumstances can make it clear that your words are not intended to be taken literally.</p>
	<p>Furthermore, while lies are always wrong, this doesn't mean that every person has the right to know everything at all times. Some truths should only be shared on a "need to know" basis. And when saying nothing is tantamount to revealing what should be hidden, full respect for the truth may require answering ambiguously, in ways that don't speak falsehood, but leave the hearer open to misinterpreting your words. This technique can be in accord with human community because it is used to defend and protect it from those who seek to know something they have no right to know.</p>
	<p>Simon: But why must a lie always be wrong, even when a great good is to be gained by it?                      Truth is a basic necessity for every person to live well in this world and to make right decisions. It is necessary for justice. Truth is also a basic foundation for human society, which has nothing if it doesn't have truth. Thus lies almost always harm people, and contribute to the corrosion of society, which <i>feeds on the food of truth</i>, and is held together by trust. But what about those little, so-called "white lies"? Ultimately, <i>the love of truth</i> is the privileged path to God, who is Himself the Truth and the source of truth. For this reason, all lies, <i>at the very least</i>, harm your integrity and your relationship to truth, and hence are at least a venial sin against the God of truth.</p>
THE FAULTS OF OTHERS	



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Mike in cabin	Mike: A great many sins of the tongue are provoked by the real or imagined faults and sins of others. Many of these, in turn, express also the sin of 'rash judgment.' Christ condemned 'rash judgement' in his Sermon of the Mount:
<p>'Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.'</p> <p>Matthew 7:1-5</p>	<p>Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.</p>
Mike in cabin	<p>Mike: To commit 'rash judgement' is, broadly speaking, to assume without sufficient evidence that a person has done wrong, even if your assumption goes unspoken. To simply <i>presume</i> that a particular person sinned, is an act of ill will against them. But its often a pretty straightforward matter whether someone's committed an evil <i>external</i> action, like murder or adultery. What is harder is to determine someone's <i>intentions</i>, and more - their <i>subjective guilt</i> - whether or not they committed evil knowingly and willingly, and to what degree. For this reason, Our Lord's words, practically speaking, mostly concern judging our neighbor's <i>hearts</i>, not their external actions.</p>
	<p><i>Very importantly</i>, his words also tell us that we need to be more concerned with our own sins and weaknesses than those of others. 'The measure we give will be the measure we get.' Fraternal correction is a necessary work of charity, but if we do not purify ourselves, then we do not have the eyes to properly diagnose the faults of others, and we ourselves will come under greater judgement.</p>



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<p>"Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you." Proverbs 4:24</p>	<p>Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you.</p>
<p>"If you blow on a spark, it will glow; if you spit on it, it will be put out; and both come out of your mouth. Curse the whisperer and deceiver, for he has destroyed many who were at peace." Sirach 28:12-13</p>	<p>If you blow on a spark, it will glow; if you spit on it, it will be put out; and both come out of your mouth. Curse the whisperer and deceiver, for he has destroyed many who were at peace.</p>
<p>Simon hiking</p>	<p>Simon: Rash judgements often take the form of detraction and calumny. Detraction is when you reveal the faults of others without a valid reason, and calumny is when you tell harmful lies about them.</p> <p>Gossip, for its part, then, is a form of detraction or calumny, depending on whether what is shared is based on truth or just made up.</p>
	<p>The point here, is that a person's sins, even if true, are not something to be delighted in or laughed about, let alone used as a tool to harm their reputation.</p>
	<p>If we are created for communion, for brotherhood, to be joined together in a single chorus of praise to our common Creator and Father, then there is no room for the ill-will of detractions, calumnies, and gossiping. By these things, we build up walls, in our hearts, between ourselves and our neighbors, thus closing our hearts off also to greater gifts of grace from God.</p>
<p>"If any one says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen." 1 John 4:20</p>	<p>If any one says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.</p>
<p>Simon hiking</p>	<p>Simon: If detraction and calumny and gossip build up walls between brethren, you might say that insults, mockery, and other harsh words shoot barbed darts and thrust daggers between them.</p>
<p>"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat it's fruits." Proverbs 18:21</p>	<p>Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat it's fruits.</p>
<p>"Whoever insults his brother shall be liable to the council, and whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be liable to the hell of fire." Matthew 5:22</p>	<p>Whoever insults his brother shall be liable to the council, and whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be liable to the hell of fire.</p>



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Mike in cabin	Mike: We know that insults and harsh words and unkindness are sins - but we are so caught up in anger or jealousy or resentment or some other passion, that, at the time, it seems right.
	This holds true also for the more “low-key” sins of the tongue. Sometimes, especially in families, condemning words or mockery are hidden in sarcasm. Or coldness and resentment in passive-aggressiveness. These can be just as painful, or worse, than open insult. And worst of all, these help perpetuate the <i>appearance</i> that all is well, thus preventing effective change.
	<p>By these means, too many of us Christians have a “polite,” slight way of committing sins of the tongue, avoiding outbursts of malice or blatant lies, but still building up walls in our hearts, shooting barbs at those whom the Lord says are our brothers and sisters....</p> <p>It is not without reason, that our Lord taught us with so much emphasis to “love one another;” and to forgive those who have sinned against us; and to suffer injustice patiently in much prayer. It may seem impossible - but with God’s help, all things are possible.</p>
<p>“He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness still. ... [He] does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.” 1 John 2:9,11</p> <p>“I ... beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ... Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear. ... Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:1-3, 29, 31-32</p>	<p>He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness still. ... [He] does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.</p> <p>I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ... Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.</p>



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COMMUNION & HOLY COMMUNION	
Mike and Simon in cabin	Simon: St. James’s words that the tongue is “a little member that boasts of great things” is true in more than one way. Just as it ignites the fire of anger, hatred, and revenge, spreading discord and hindering the work of grace, so does the tongue receive the full gift of God, when it accepts the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ onto itself as onto a throne.
“Do not yield your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but yield yourselves to God as men who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments of righteousness.” Romans 6:13	Do not yield your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but yield yourselves to God as men who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments of righteousness.
Mike and Simon in cabin	Simon: If we receive the Body of the Lord onto our tongues, shall we then use the same tongues to curse his sons and daughters, created in His likeness? The Holy Eucharist is the Sacrament which unites us in communion together with God and neighbor in the Body of Christ. Shall we serve with our tongues both communion and discord?
	Mike: Lies, detractions, calumnies, insults, and harsh words have no place within the communion of the Blessed Trinity, and should therefore have no place within the communion of the Church.
	I’m Michael Voris, and this has been, “Moral Compass.” God love you.
“Since man loves his neighbor, out of charity, for God’s sake, the more he loves God, the more does he put enmities aside and show love towards his neighbor: thus if we loved a certain man very much, we would love his children though they were unfriendly towards us.” St. Thomas Aquinas	Since man loves his neighbor, out of charity, for God’s sake, the more he loves God, the more does he put enmities aside and show love towards his neighbor: thus if we loved a certain man very much, we would love his children though they were unfriendly towards us.