

It's Somebody Else's Fault

Sermon Series: Five Lies That Ruin Relationships #2

James 4:11-12

2-7-10

Scripture for the Series: *"I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God."*
Exodus 20:5

Introduction:

Listen to the following statement and determine if you agree with it or not.

Few things have the power to ruin relationships like **Critical, Accusing, Defaming, Hostile, Inaccurate, and Slanderous** words.

Agree or disagree

Read James 4:11-12

- **Obey the command to stop slandering**

3 different ways we slander each other

1. We slander through Unintentional words
2. We slander through prayer request
3. We slander though framing our words

It's someone else's fault.

- **Understand the consequences of slandering**

It damages our relationships with others

It damages our relationship with God

- **Develop a course of action to stop slandering**

Stop slandering others

Refuse to let others gossip
Talk less

The Living Bible puts it this way, *“Don’t criticize and speak evil about each other, dear brothers. If you do, you’ll be fighting against God’s law of loving one another, declaring it wrong.” But your job is not to decide whether the law is right or wrong but to obey it. “Only he who made the law can rightly judge among us. He alone decides to save or destroy, so what right do you have to judge or criticize others?”*

Conclusion: