## Pastor's Weekly Devotional- March 21st, 2019

## "The Power of the Tongue"

On October the 8<sup>th</sup>, 1871, a cow belonging to Catherine O'Leary kicked a lantern in the barn and set some hay on fire. Within minutes, the entire barn was ablaze and due to the Chicago winds, the flames ended up spreading throughout Chicago, burning a large percentage of the city, leaving 100,000 people homeless, 7,500 buildings destroyed and the deaths of 300 people.

This incident brings out a profound truth about our tongues. One simple, seemingly innocent word or comment (intentional or unintentional) has the power and/or the potential of spreading and creating damage.

So remember: your mouth has the power to do damage. Ask yourself: The words I speak, do they edify, encourage, comfort or hurt and destroy? What would Jesus think since He is always the Silent Listener?

Have a blessed week! See you in church Sunday!

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