

10-6-17 Words in the wind

A Scottish man passed along a vicious story about another who had to leave the village. But the gossip learned the story was false. So he went to his pastor and said, "I've destroyed a man with my words. I am sorry, can I be forgiven?"

The pastor replied it was not so simple, and told him to take a bag of feathers and place one in the yard of every house in town. Which he did.

He came back to the pastor and said, "I've done all that you asked, may I now be forgiven?"

"Not yet," the pastor replied, "You must first bring back every feather you placed!"

"But, the wind has carried the feathers away!"

"Yes," the pastor said. "And likewise your careless words destroyed an innocent man!"

Just a thought. I'm Sid Batts from First Presbyterian Church in downtown Greensboro, fpcgreensboro.org.