

# SERMON NOTES

June 18-19, 2022

## How Do I?: Have Saving Faith?

James 1

### James and the Ancient World:

1. Social status determined a \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The Social Chasm between the Poor (Non Elite) and the Rich (Elite) was the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Society was constructed around the \_\_\_\_\_ of status.

### James and the Great Inversion

1. Everybody is \_\_\_\_\_. **James 1:27 - 2:1**

2. Jesus followers do not \_\_\_\_\_. **James 2:2-6**

3. Poverty tends to make people \_\_\_\_\_ for God. Wealth tends to make people \_\_\_\_\_ for God. **James 1:9-11 | James 2:14-17**

4. Saving Faith: When I \_\_\_\_\_. **James 2:1**

# Life Steps

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## Monday

James 1:27

**Reflect:** What was your main take away from the weekend message? How does James describe the type of religion that is acceptable to God? What is your application?

**Prayer:** God, help me to notice, see, and hear those who have known great sorrow and hardship in their lives.

## Tuesday

James 2:1

**Reflect:** How can favoritism be a hurdle to saving faith in Jesus? How might favoritism be hampering your faith in Jesus?

**Prayer:** God, show me where I engage in favoritism to harvest earthly blessings and show me how to love others with no expectations.

## Wednesday

James 2:2-9

**Reflect:** In light of the affluence of our DFW culture, how does James' call to love everyone without favoritism resonate with you? Reflect on how you are doing with this command.

**Prayer:** God, I confess that sin, elitism, pride, greed, resentment, insatiable desire, and lust has infiltrated my life. Forgive and cleanse me.

## Thursday

James 2:14-17

**Reflect:** What is the purpose of good deeds in light of faith? Why is it problematic to mix favoritism and good deeds?

**Prayer:** God, show me where you want me to serve and bless others.

## Friday

James 1:9-11

**Reflect:** How has James inverted our normal values in our society between being poor or being rich? James says the rich will wither away like a wild flower in the heat of the sun.

What does this imply about those in humble circumstances?

**Prayer:** God, show me where I boast about my wealth. Humble me, Lord, and lead me in the ways of Jesus.

## Saturday

James 2:1

**Reflect:** Literal Greek Translation: "Don't combine the faith OF our Lord Jesus Christ with favoritism." What does it mean to really believe something? Do you more believe IN Jesus or believe what Jesus believed? Explain.

**Prayer:** God, make clear to me the faith OF Jesus and call me out to take a step of faith, off the cliff of fear and greed into your trustworthy arms.

## Sunday

James Challenge

**Reflect:** We are about half way through the James series. Thus far, what is the key James wisdom God has convicted you to embrace? How thus far has this wisdom impacted you, and helped make you a blessing to others?

**Prayer:** All-knowing and wise God, impart unto me your wisdom and the faith to believe it is really your perfect insight for my life.