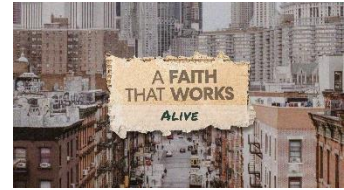


James: A Faith that Works

Alive

James 1:19-27

Pastor Chris Lenhart - 9/15/24



Opening Thought Question:

When walking or waiting through trials, how do followers of Jesus show the message of truth is alive, effective, and working in our lives?

In Listening & Speaking (19-21)

Quick to _____, slow to _____, slow to _____.

The message we proclaim through faithful endurance under trial...

1. Jesus is with me, he is my _____, I am never alone.
2. Jesus rescued me, he is my _____, I am forgiven and free.
3. Jesus has called me, he is my _____, I have great hope and purpose.

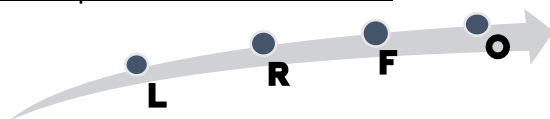
In Seeing & Responding (22-24)

Ways to consider the Scriptures...

1. A _____, revealing our righteousness and messiness.
2. A _____, bringing close and making clear that which seems distant and out of focus.

Living a Life in Focus (25)

Faithful responses to God's Word...



Practicing a Religion, Pure & Undeiled (26-27)

1. C 2/3. Care for 4. Practice, pursue, protect

A religion remaining unstained by the world...

1. Conforming to _____.
2. Disengaging from and repenting of ways we participate in or are distracted by the _____ and _____ of this world.
3. Moving _____, rather than _____, the hardened, vulnerable, and broken.

Next Week: James - A Faith that Works: Merciful (2:1-13)

Further Study

Matt. 5-7
Proverbs
Psalms
Acts 12 & 15
Gal. 1-2

Mt. 7:24-27

Is. 53:7
Mk. 14:61
Ps. 68:5
Ex. 22:22-24
Dt. 10:18
Is. 1:17
Jer. 5:28
Ez. 22:7
Zech. 7:10
Ecc. 4:1
Mk. 12:40
1 Pet. 1:15-16
Ex. 19:6
Lev. 11:44-45;
19:2, 20:7, 21:8

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<p style="text-align: center;">James: A Faith that Works</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alive</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Jms. 1:19-27</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – James 1:19-27</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Verses 19-27 help us understand how we proclaim and demonstrate the gospel when we faithfully endure under life’s trials. As followers of Jesus, we are called to face trials in ways that will look different from those who do not follow him. After reading verses 19-22, journal or discuss how we live out the message when facing difficulty. Compare verses 23-24 with the wise and foolish builders of Matthew 7:24-27. When walking through trials, how do we demonstrate wisdom? Discuss or journal about how James describes God’s Word in verse 25. Then, lay verse 25 next to Psalm 18:30, and 19:7, how and why are the Scriptures useful and effective for those growing weary or anxious under life’s trials? How does verse 26 continue to develop James’ words in verses 19-21? What do we proclaim about our religion when we are not in control of our speech? In verses 26-27, what are the ways that James describes pure and undefiled religion? How does practicing our religion, in this way, when under trial demonstrate and proclaim the power of the gospel? What does it prove about the quality of our faith? How does practicing our faith, in this manner, testify to and glorify the name of God? <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Further Study</u></p> <p>Matt. 5-7 Proverbs Psalms Acts 12 & 15 Gal. 1-2 Mt. 7:24-27 Is. 53:7 Mk. 14:61 Ps. 68:5 Ex. 22:22-24 Dt. 10:18 Is. 1:17 Jer. 5:28 Ez. 22:7 Zech. 7:10 Ecc. 4:1 Mk. 12:40 1 Pet. 1:15-16 Ex. 19:6 Lev. 11:44-45; 19:2, 20:7, 21:8</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>