### Faith That Works in Community

### *Series, Community, A Place to Belong*

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### **James 1:19-25**

### **Listening and Doing**

**19** My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, **20** because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. **21** Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

**22** Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **23** Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror **24** and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. **25** But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

**26** Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. **27** Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Theme & Goal

**Those who are B\_\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ need to grow in faith by R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and O\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God, in community.**

**18** He chose to give us birth through **the word of truth**, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

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**1. We need to R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word to G\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in faith, in community**

Verse 18 means that God gave us birth through the word of truth. By believing God’s Word, we became a new creation.

In V 19, in the original text, there is a conjunction δὲ, which can be translated ‘moreover’.

Moreover means “In addition to what has been said”, or ‘furthermore’.

**\*Be quick to LISTEN.**

Our P determines how we spend our T .

Our priority should be to see how important, and necessary, it is to listen, read, and study God’s Word.

* 작심삼일 (Jagsimsam-il) : you make a resolution but are able to only keep it for 3 days.

The first Christians g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ together and they g\_\_\_\_\_\_ in their f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ together.

We need a **c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**to help us to listen, learn and study God’s Word so our faith will grow.

**\*Be slow to s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ :**

Do not j\_\_\_\_\_\_ using God’s words to put others down and think that we are better.

**\*Be slow to become a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:**

-The anger that comes when we m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ others by our own s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

-The anger that p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for a long time; the resentment and bitterness that simmer in our hearts, including giving someone the silent treatment.

Verse 21 We need to first take off all our moral filth and evil before God’s Word can lead us to produce the righteousness of God.

We need to be eager to listen to God’s Word and our attitude must be h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to obey.

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**Those who are B\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ need to grow in faith by R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and O\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God, in community.**

**2. We need to O\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word to G\_\_\_\_\_ in faith, in community.**

ESV. “But be d\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the word, and not h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ only, deceiving yourselves.”

“to **be** a doer.” in the original language means to **k\_\_\_\_** on **s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to be doers of the Word.

All the information and knowledge of the Word of God w application is spiritual deception, a way of fooling ourselves.

**3. James provides us with three tangible applications for how we can o\_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word after r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it.**

The first application:

We have to be careful about what we say because our words **r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**our h\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The second application:

Just as we have received God’s c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it should be natural for us to take care of the orphans and widows of our day.

The third application:

We keep ourselves from being p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the w\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The f\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_we belong to is the place where we p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our faith first.

**JUST DO IT**