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Favoritism, Faith, Deeds

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James 2, Matthew 7:21, John 7:24, John 15:8, Romans 5:1-2, Galatians 3:28

2 Themes

1. Don't show _____
2. Do put faith in _____

If you're a Christian by belief, you should be a Christian by behavior.

God is for you and wants to improve you.

James' warning

1. Selective _____
2. Relative _____

Walking This Out – ARC

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

"Our words and our works are evidence that our profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is true."

~ Alistair Begg

"Do not ask God to guide your footsteps if you're not willing to move your feet."

~ Anonymous

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Sermon Talks:

1. What caught your attention in this week's sermon? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. What does it mean to show favoritism?
 - Why do people show favoritism?
 - What are some motivations behind it?
 - In what ways might believers show favoritism in the church?
3. Verse 10 speaks of selective obedience.
 - Do you ever find yourself selective about which verses in the Bible you want to obey and which ones you want to pass over?
 - Verse 10 essentially says that if you keep all the laws except one, you are as guilty as someone who has broken all of God's laws. How do you respond to that?
4. Verse 11 could be summarized as relative innocence, meaning, we try and justify one sin because we are not performing another sin that we think might be worse.
 - How would you contrast absolute verses relative truth?
 - Have you ever found yourself justifying one sin over another?
5. James says in verse 19, "You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that and shudder."
 - What does that say to you about faith and works?
6. Read Genesis 22:1-14 (the story of Abraham and Isaac) and Joshua 2 (Rahab and the spies).
 - How do these two stories blend faith and works together?

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (James 2) and this week's message

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask God in order to grow in light of this?