



## WORSHIP

Suggested worship songs: One God, Your Love Awakens Me, The Wonderful Cross, Jesus, Son of God, Worthy of It All

## WELCOME

What kinds of products and services in daily life would you like to first try a sample of before buying or availing of them?

## READ IT!

## WORD

### JAMES 2:1-13

My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism. 2 For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes, 3 and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, "You sit here in a good place," and you say to the poor man, "You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool," 4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives? 5 Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court? 7 Do they not blaspheme the fair name by which you have been called? 8 If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. 9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all. 11 For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not commit murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. 13 For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

## PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

## TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about real faith?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

## POINT IT OUT

**Stop Showing Favoritism** (James 1:1-4, Galatians 3:28, Mark 10:24-25, 1 Timothy 6:17-19)

**See People God's Way** (James 2:5-11)

**Show Christlike Mercy** (James 2:12-13, 2 Corinthians 8:9)

## APPLY IT!

### WORKS

Based on this lesson on “*REAL FAITH LOVES WITHOUT FAVORITISM*” write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your “I will...” statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

### PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray for those who experience discrimination because of favoritism from family, co-workers or society. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s leading, seek out those who are marginalized and share God’s love to them in tangible ways. Share the gospel of Jesus and live out Christlikeness as you relate to them.

### WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

#### I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

#### II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- For legislators to promote and support bills and laws aligned with God’s Word.
- PRAY for the protection, safety and release of kidnapped American Christian missionary, Kevin, serving in Niger (West Africa). For God to turn the hearts of the kidnappers to repentance and salvation. Peace and comfort for Kevin’s family.
- Pray for persecuted Christians in Sudan and Nigeria) --- many have been beheaded and murdered; earnestly seek God’s intervention to stop the bloodshed. Pray for freedom from oppression, that God’s word and His people bring them comfort and hope.
- PRAISE God that the rest of the living Israeli hostages have been restored to their families safely! Continue to pray that the last remaining dead hostage will be returned to his family for burial.
- For Israel’s war with terrorists to end according to God’s purpose and for His glory. For Jewish people worldwide who are experiencing a surge of antisemitism. May this lead them to the Messiah, Jesus as they turn to God for help and comfort.
- For nations in turmoil (e.g., Ukraine, Iran, Syria, etc.) to experience

- true freedom in Christ and become centers for massive spiritual revivals in their regions. Killings of thousands of civilians by Islamist regime forces in Iran and Syria to be put to an end by God’s mighty hand.

#### III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God, and make disciples
- For elders, pastors, leaders, and families to become holy, humble, harmonious, happy, and heart-working)
- For ministries and church expansions worldwide.

#### IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain (MMRC)

#### V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper and intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends

### MEMORY VERSE

#### James 2:1

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