

# REAL FAITH LOVES WITHOUT FAVORITISM

Our preferences often come naturally. From everyday decisions to the people, we gravitate toward, many of our choices feel instinctive. Yet Scripture challenges us to look deeper. Do our personal preferences quietly shape the way we value and treat others? Many of us know the command to love our neighbor by heart, but James reminds us that love is not merely the absence of cruelty or discrimination. It is revealed in our reactions, attitudes, and instincts toward people we admire, ignore, or find inconvenient. Genuine faith in Jesus Christ becomes visible in how we love others, because faith that saves also transforms the way we see and treat people made in God's image.

## STOP SHOWING FAVORITISM

James speaks directly to believers when he commands them to stop showing favoritism. This warning confronts the assumption that partiality is only a problem for the openly unjust. Favoritism often operates beneath the surface, shaping how we think about people before we even act. James exposes that when we show partiality, we reveal something about our hearts and our faith (James 2:1–4). When we judge others by appearance or advantage, we adopt the value system of the world rather than the heart of Christ, and we place ourselves in the role of judge, a position that belongs to God alone. In Christ, all believers stand on equal ground, united in Him and equally valued (Galatians 3:28–29).

## SEE PEOPLE GOD'S WAY

James calls believers to see people through God's perspective. God does not favor the poor over the rich, nor the rich over the poor, but He reveals a pattern in the human heart. Those with fewer resources often rely more readily on God, while those with abundance are tempted to place their confidence elsewhere (Mark 10:24–25). To dishonor the poor is to dishonor someone God deeply values. Jesus calls us to live out the royal law of love, to love our neighbors as ourselves, reflecting His heart toward every person, visible or overlooked alike (Matthew 22:37–40).

## SHOW CHRISTLIKE MERCY

God's law leads us into freedom, not condemnation. It reveals our need for grace and teaches us how redeemed people ought to speak and act toward others (James 2:12). When we truly understand the mercy, we have received through Christ, we extend that same mercy outward. Loving others will often require sacrifice and humility, but Jesus Himself modeled this through His willing suffering on the cross. As recipients of undeserved grace, we are called to let mercy triumph over judgment, reflecting the compassion of our Savior in a broken world (James 2:13).

### last week's memory verse

My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism.

JAMES 2:1

### discuss this message

- What does favoritism look like in your life, even in the most subtle way?
- Why is favoritism so contrary to being a follower of Jesus?
- What will you do or stop doing in order to love without favoritism?



## SERVICES AT THE CCF CENTER

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**Sessions resume this year!**

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### A Clean Heart in a Corrupt World

with Joyce Pring-Triviño  
February 26, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH  
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### Faith in Action

Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM  
G/F CCF Center (ages 4-12)  
**BIBLE LESSON PREMIERE:** for ages 4-12  
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**RESOURCES:**  
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### Volunteer Callout + Vision Casting

February 7, Saturday, 3:00 PM, Room 3A  
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## We are willing to listen and improve!

## learn more ABOUT OUR FAITH

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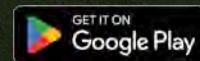
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**God brought you here for His purpose.**

**God loves you.**

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments*  
— Deuteronomy 7:9

**God is holy.**

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23*

**God is merciful.**

*In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.*

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. — Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. — John 14:6*

**God is gracious.**

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9*

**Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?**

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

**God keeps His promises.**

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13*

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