

My dear brothers and sisters:  
How can you claim to follow  
our LORD Jesus Christ if you  
show favor to some people  
over others?

If you give special attention  
to someone based on outward  
appearances or status,  
doesn't this show that your  
judgements are guided by  
selfish motives?

It is good to follow the law to  
"Love your neighbor as  
yourself." But if you favor  
some people over others, you  
are guilty of breaking that law.

In God's eyes, the person who  
keeps all the laws except one  
is just as guilty as the person  
who has broken all of them.

So remember you will be  
judged by the law that sets  
you free. If you haven't  
shown mercy, you will  
receive none.

But if you show mercy, God  
will be merciful to you.

oo \_\_\_\_\_ oo

still

James is taking to the Church.

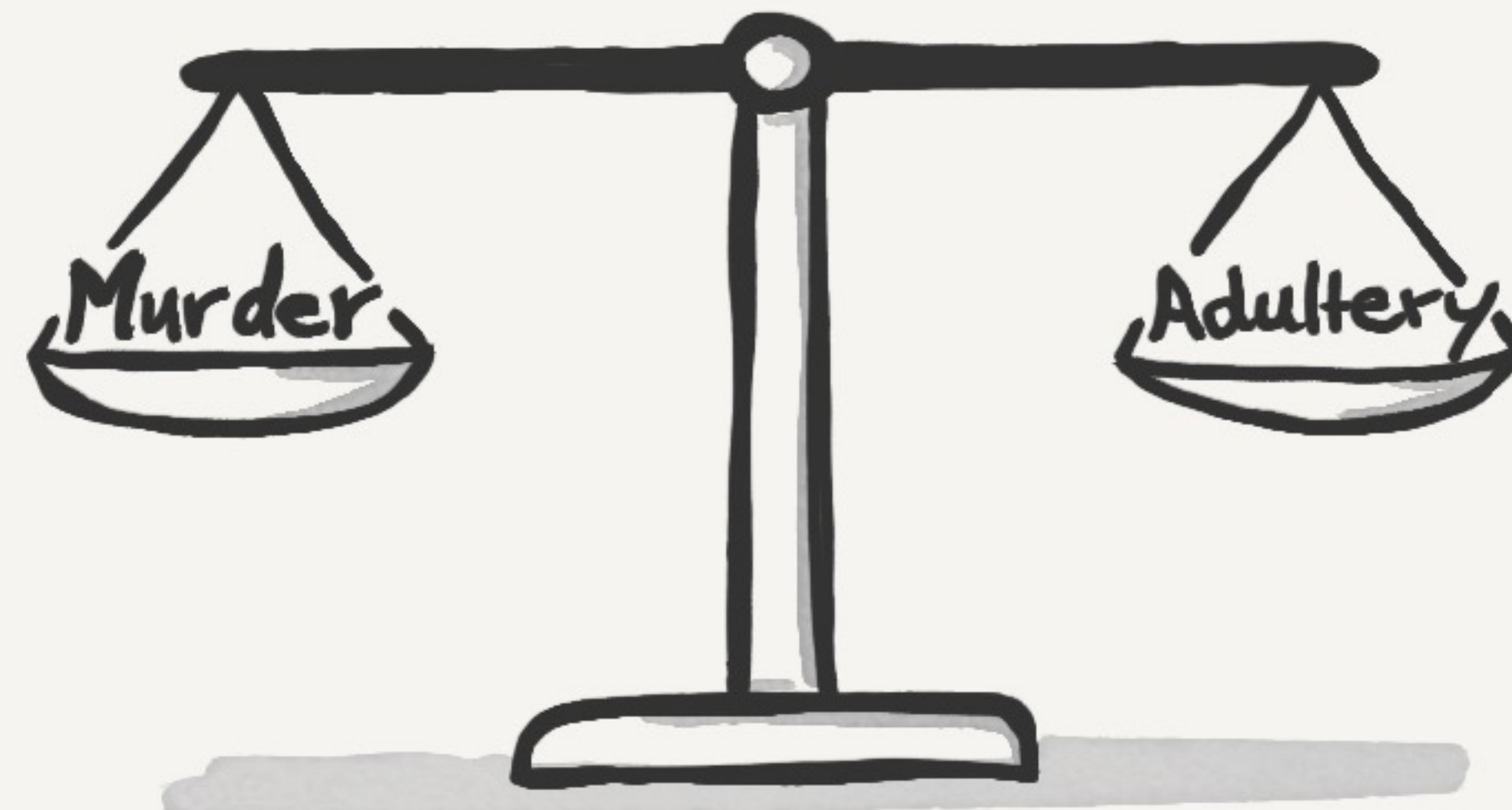
We tend to play  
**favorites**  
whether we realize it or not.

We are called to greater  
community. We don't get to  
show partiality anymore.

If someone had nothing to offer  
you, would you still talk to them?

**Favoritism**  
exposes our self-righteousness.

We're no better than anyone else.



It's all wrong in God's eyes.

**Mercy mends**  
our favoritism.

→ éleos:

compassion, loyalty to  
God's covenant with us.

→ Seeks to understand  
before being understood.

→ Seeks the internal  
before the external.

→ Presses into community.

oo \_\_\_\_\_ oo

God in His goodness  
extended mercy to me  
when I didn't deserve it.  
Therefore, I will extend  
mercy to others.