

Lifehouse Church

Maximize Christ Potential in You



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James 1:22 (WEB) “But be doers of the word, and not only hearers, deluding your own selves.”

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JAMES 2

TWO MAJOR SECTIONS

THE FIRST SECTION

DEALS WITH

FAVORITISM TOWARD THE RICH



JAMES 2:1-13

Don't show partiality. God doesn't measure people by status or wealth.



THE SECOND SECTION

DEALS WITH

FAITH WITHOUT WORKS



JAMES 2:14-26

Faith that doesn't do anything is faith that is dead.



ONE MESSAGE:

REAL FAITH SHOWS ITSELF IN HOW WE TREAT PEOPLE AND HOW WE LIVE.

FAITH THAT FUNCTIONS POINTS

- 1. Built Different In How We Look At People**
- 2. Built Different In How We Love People**
- 3. Built Different In How We Live For People**

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James 2:1–4 (WEB) “My brothers, don’t hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory with partiality. For if a man with a gold ring, in fine clothing, comes into your synagogue, and a poor man in filthy clothing also comes in;

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James 2:1–4 (WEB) and you pay special attention to him who wears the fine clothing, and say, ‘Sit here in a good place;’ and you tell the poor man, ‘Stand there,’ or ‘Sit by my footstool’—haven’t you shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?”

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BIG IDEA

Culture teaches:

Your value comes from status

The Kingdom teaches:

**Your value comes from being made
"in the image of God"**

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Mindset Shift

True value is not revealed
by what's seen on the outside
but by what's carried on the inside.

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Matthew 19:23–24 (WEB) Jesus said to his disciples, “Most certainly I say to you, a rich man will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven with difficulty.

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1 Samuel 16:7 (WEB) “...for Yahweh doesn’t see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but Yahweh looks at the heart.”

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Application Questions

- Do I treat influential people differently?
- Do I ignore people who cannot benefit me?
- Do I value appearance more than character?
- Do I subconsciously judge people externally?

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Weekly Action Step

- Intentionally honor someone this week that society would normally overlook.
- Talk to them and find out what's on the inside.
 - See people the way God sees people.

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Isaiah 57:15 (WEB) “For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: ‘**I dwell** in the high and holy place, with him also who is of a **contrite** and **humble** spirit...’”

- Who does God dwells in?
- A person of status or a person of humility?

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James 2:5–8 (WEB) “Listen, my beloved brothers. **Didn't God choose those who are poor in this world to be rich in faith**, and heirs of the Kingdom which he promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. However, if you fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you do well.”

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Anybody can claim faith. Love proves faith.

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James 2:14–17 (WEB) “What good is it, my brothers, if a man says he has faith, but has no works? Can that faith save him? And if a brother or sister is naked and in lack of daily food, and one of you tells them, ‘Go in peace. Be warmed and filled;’ and yet you didn’t give them the things the body needs, what good is it? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead in itself.”

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James 2:19 (WEB) “You believe that God is one. You do well. The demons also believe—and shudder.”

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James 2:21–22 (WEB) - Wasn't Abraham our father **justified** (proven authentic) by works, in that he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? You see that faith worked with his works, and by works faith was **perfected.**"

teleioō - brought to its intended goal

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BIG PICTURE of James 2

**Faith that never affects behavior
is not biblical faith**

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Application Questions

If someone observed my life outside of church,
would there be enough evidence
to prove my faith is real?

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Weekly Action Step

Don't just believe differently this week...
...live differently.

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James 2:26 (WEB) “For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, even so faith apart from works is dead.”

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