

**Message:** Jim Class Week 3 – Weak Made Strong

**Scripture:** James 1:27

*"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27*

### IN CHRIST THE WEAK ARE MADE STRONG

#### 1. GOD HAS NO FAVORITES.

*"Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring... and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes ... and say, 'Here's a good seat for you ' ...but say to the poor man, 'You stand there' or 'Sit on the floor by my feet' haven't you revealed your prejudice, segregated the community, and become judges with evil thoughts?" James 2:2-4*

*"Listen, my dear brothers and sisters... Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world... to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are...dragging you into court?" James 2:5-7*

#### 2. POVERTY MAKES PEOPLE SEE THEIR NEED.

*"Believers in humble circumstances... ought to take pride in their high position. But the rich should take pride in their humiliation... since they will pass away like a wild flower. For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business." James 1:9*

*"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." James 2:14-17*

WE MUST THINK THE WAY JESUS THOUGHT AND DO WHAT JESUS DID