



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

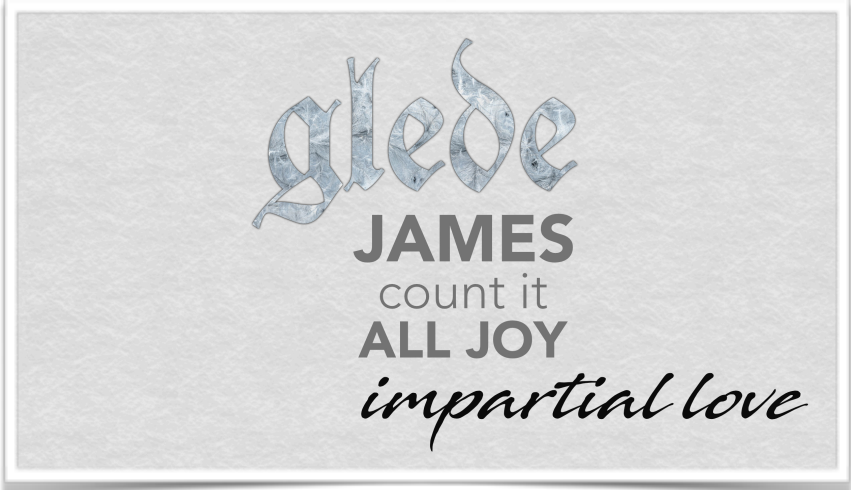
happenings

Who are the "they" in "They Said..."?: If you missed our service live this past Sunday, you can still watch or listen to the entire service on our website or app. We celebrated 30 years of God's faithfulness to our church ohana. Pastor Bruce shared a message entitled, "They Said... But God..."

UW SPORTS CAMP: Saturdays this July: 10am-noon on July 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th. Registration is now open - Register [here](#) with UW (Unchartered Waters) first. Then register with us [here](#). Contact Heather Pries, once again our UW Sports Camp Facilitator, via email [here](#) with any questions you might have.

Grace Kids: Auntie Michelle will be continuing lessons on the fruit of the Spirit this week at: <https://gracekona.org/fruitofthespirit>.

Prayer Requests: Please don't hesitate to send us any updates or prayer requests to: pray@gracekona.org.



SERMON NOTES

Andrew Severinsen - James 2:1-13

Big Idea: In the midst of encouraging us to persevere through the various trials we're facing, James challenges us to not show favoritism to some - based on their wealth or status - because they might be a benefit to us.

- *Persevering through trials...*
- *Be absolutely impartial - Love people equally*

• *4 reasons why we should love impartially:*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

GRACE GROUP discussion questions - James 2:1-13

**Spend some time catching up and talking story.
Spend some time in the text - Read James 2.**

James 2:1-13 — What is James' encouragement to us?

1. Why would James' audience have wanted to show partiality?
2. Read Matthew 5. How does this text from "the Sermon on the Mount" inform your understanding of this passage in James?
3. Where else in scripture do we find the royal law?
4. Why does James juxtapose partiality with murder and adultery?
5. Why does James close with mercy? Who needs to show mercy in this context?
6. What themes do you see in these verses? Which words and ideas are repeated?

James 1:19-27 — How does it apply to our lives today?

1. When have you experienced or shown favoritism? What happened?
2. What could you do this week to recognize and repent of partiality in yourself and in our world?
3. What does it truly look like to "Love your neighbor as yourself?"
4. When have you been shown mercy?
5. What does it mean to show mercy to others right now?

Spend some time sharing and praying together.