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- **Audience:** Jewish-Christian Audience
- **When:** Early 40s AD
- **Style:** Strong affinity with the teaching of Jesus and Proverbs

Hearing and Doing God's Word (1:19-27)

- You are deceived if you think that it is ok to merely listen to the Bible without being transformed by it.
- Look into God's word expectantly, search for the way of LIFE in following Jesus, obey it, and you will experience true flourishing.

Faith and Works (2:14-26)

- True faith in Jesus Christ always results in a transformed life.
- James tells us clearly that faith, without any evidence of its veracity by works, is dead.
- Claiming faith in Christ apart from a transformed life is dangerous and unbiblical.
- "Faith alone saves, but faith that saves is never alone but is accompanied by living deeds."

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Intro Question: What has someone done for you that meant a lot?

Teaching Part 1

Hearing and Doing God's Word (1:19-27)

Read James 2:1-13. In this passage James deals with the sin of partiality within the church and its dangerous effects. Discuss its meaning and application in light of what we just learned about being a “doer” and not just a “hearer of the Word” in James 1:22-25.

Teaching Part 2

Faith and Works (2:14-26)

Read James 5:1-6. In this passage James focuses on the rich who are mistreating their workers and greedily withholding daily wages from them. Discuss its meaning and application in light of what we just learned about the nature of true saving faith and its necessarily resulting in good works.

Answer to Remember: The letters of the New Testament are God's inspired instructions to His people about the gospel, the Christian life, and the Church.

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