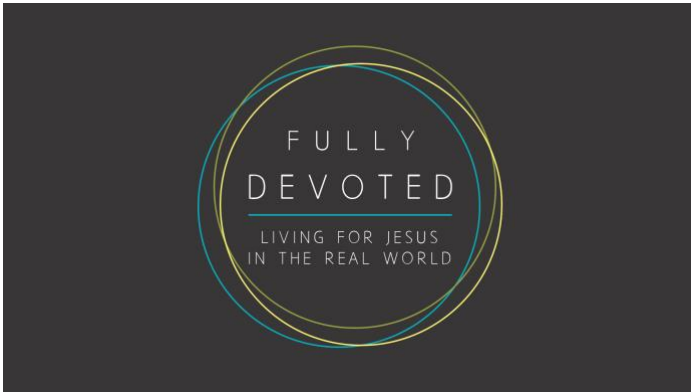


TAKE HOME SHEET



**Series:** Fully Devoted  
**Message:** Staying Connected to God and Each Other  
**Speaker:** Rusty Coram  
**Date:** June 30, 2024

The message this weekend closes out our series in James. If you have missed any of the messages or want to review them, go to our website or app; we have them all there.

Here are some questions to help apply what we've learned:

**1. Is there anything in my life that I should clear up with God? Sin to confess or a relationship to try and make right?**

*<sup>8</sup> If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. <sup>9</sup> But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.*

1 John 1:8-9 (NLT)

**2. List the names of some people in your life, like family (including church family), friends, neighbors, co-workers, classmates, etc. Beside their name, write something you want to ask God to give them or help them with.**

**3. Write out the names of government leaders and ask God to give them wisdom and courage to do what is right.**

*Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.*

1 Timothy 2:2 (NLT)

**4. Pray for God to give you compassion and boldness to reach out to people around you who are not yet followers of Jesus. Ask Him to help you discover ways to encourage them to step toward Him. This could range from inviting them to check out a New Hope worship service, project, or event, to running an errand, serving them in some way, or asking how you can pray for them. Write their names down below and ask God to guide you.**

*Pray for me, too, and ask God to give me the right words as I boldly tell others about the Lord...*

Ephesians 6:19 (TLB)

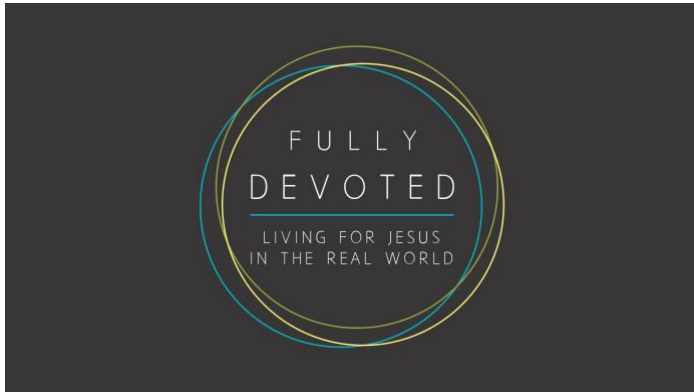
**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

NLT – New Living Translation

TLB – The Living Bible

NIV – New International Version

MESSAGE NOTES



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Throughout this series, we have explored the importance of wisdom, patience, and perspective.

We have seen 4 ways that God will use trials and hardships in our lives:

1. To *reveal* the condition of my faith.
2. To *refine* my faith.
3. To *develop* my faith.
4. To *display* my faith for the benefit of others.

James' final instructions are essential for us today...

*13 Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. 14 Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. 16 Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.*

James 5:13-16 (NLT)

One of the great privileges and benefits of being part of Jesus' church is prayer with and for each other.

Prayer is always appropriate.

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James 5:13-14 (NLT)

Prayer always relies on God, not us.

*14 Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord.*

*15 Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.*

James 5:14-15 (NLT)

God always knows best.

*8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."*

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 (NIV)

Praying in faith never demands anything from God. But we can expect God to act!

*16 Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. 17 Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! 18 Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops. 19 My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, 20 you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.*

James 5:16-20 (NLT)