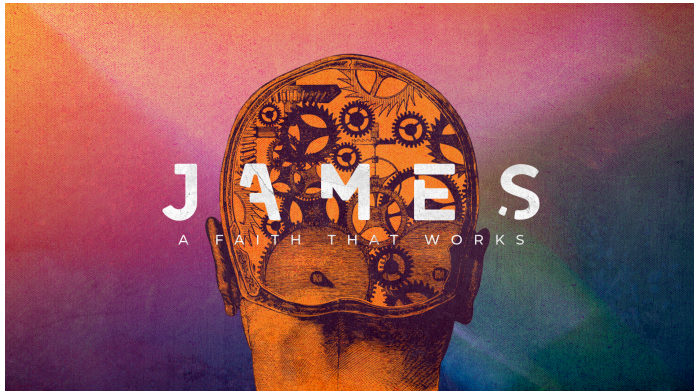


TAKE HOME SHEET



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After reviewing the message notes, consider the following questions. These would be good for a discussion with a friend, family member and/or Small Group.

In the message, we looked at the similarity between a computer operating system (OS) and how each of us processes and makes decisions.

How careful are you with your computer devices to make sure the OS doesn't get corrupted or a virus?

What do you do to ensure your devices are "safe"?

Have you ever been infected with a computer virus or malware?

If so, what problems did it cause?

What did you do to remedy the situation?

Now consider your life being directed by beliefs, values, attitudes and principles - the operating system that guides you. How was your life OS programmed? Are you careful to make sure that bugs, viruses and malware don't infect you?

Are you careful to vet your beliefs, values, attitudes and principles with what the Bible clearly teaches? If not, why?

God makes it clear that His followers need to regularly learn what the Bible teaches, adopt His wisdom, and adjust any thinking that is different to be in line with His. If we do, we will be blessed. If we don't, we will make a mess of our life and other's.

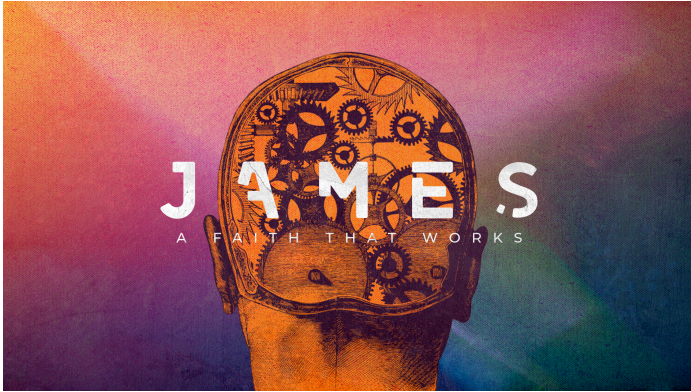
What will you do this week to continue/begin to make sure you are growing in wisdom?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

MSG – The Message

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.

Proverbs 14:12 (NLT)

There are big differences between cool, smart, foolish and wise.

¹³ *If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.*

¹⁴ *But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. ¹⁵ For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. ¹⁶ For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.*

¹⁸ *And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.*

James 3:13-18 (NLT)

HOW TO BECOME WISE

Learn what is wise.

¹⁹ *Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and*

slow to get angry. ²⁰ Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. ²¹ So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

James 1:19-21 (NLT)

¹⁶ *All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

Practice what you learn.

²² *But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ²³ For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. ²⁵ But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it. ²⁶ If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless.*

²⁷ *Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.*

James 1:22-27 (NLT)

Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

Joshua 1:8 (NLT)

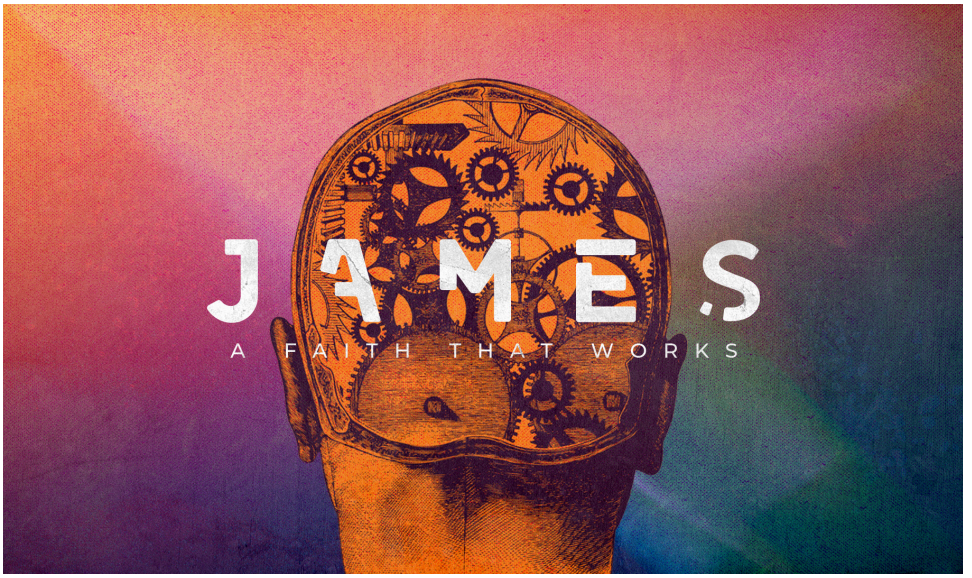
Learn with and from others that also want to be wise.

Become wise by walking with the wise; hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces.

Proverbs 13:20 (MSG)

¹⁸ *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. 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 5:18-20 (NLT)



The Book of James is a powerful and intensely practical how-to manual for the Christian life. In this short letter, we learn how God has equipped us to face anything that comes our way with purpose, confidence, courage and hope. **This week: A New Operating System.** You can't just read a how-to guide to fix a problem. You have to follow the steps and put in the work. The same is very true for our Spiritual lives. Don't just read the Bible – do what it says. Staying humble and focusing on God can help temper our anger and other character struggles.

FIRST TIME GUESTS We promise we're not going to make you stand up in front of everyone or track you down, but we'd love to know you were here today! Simply fill out your communication card in the seat back in front of you and check the "First Time Guest" box. On your way out, stop by Guest Services at the front doors and get your FREE welcome gift. We're glad you are here!

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YOU JOINED
US TODAY!**

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We're honored when people choose to do church with us. New Hope is for anyone who wants to seek God - from those exploring if He even exists, to devoted Christ-followers. Wherever you are, you'll find we are committed to showing the love of Jesus and helping people establish a relationship with Him. We are casual, laid-back and far from perfect. **ALL are welcome!**

JOIN US
for an AREA-WIDE
WOMEN'S EVENT



LAURA STORY



FRESH GROUNDED FAITH
with Jennifer Rothschild and Friends

Woodbridge

MARCH 14, 2020

Join us for an area-wide women's event at First Baptist of Woodbridge from 9 am - 3 pm (doors open at 8 am). There's a special discount price of \$43 if you purchase through New Hope (regular price is \$55). Tickets are limited - don't delay! Sign up now at bit.ly/northstarwomen. Questions? Please email Karena. Rowenhorst@newhope.org.

Save
the Date!

We're taking current 6th-12th graders to Watermarks in Scottsville, VA for a week of summer camp from June 21-26. More information coming soon!

MISSION MUFFINS

Mission Muffins, part of Central Union Mission's Ready2Cook program, is here on Sunday. When you purchase their delicious baked goods, you are helping equip a homeless or unemployed individual return to society. Visit the table in the front lobby before or after the service. Don't wait too long - they sell out quickly!

Who knew doing good could taste so good?



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The New Hope Tech Team needs your help! There are many ways to serve that are behind the scenes, yet mission critical. This is especially true in our Kids' Time and Takeover services. It's amazing (and a TON of fun) to see what gets poured into our kids and youth each week. There are also opportunities with our other services. We'll provide all the training you need. Please email us at worship@newhope.org for more information!

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Info Meetings

3.7
Blood Drive

3.14
Northstar
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Parent/Child
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Baptism Info
Meetings

4.10
Good Friday

4.11-12
Easter Services

4.18
Baptism
Celebration

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**PARENT
CHILD
DEDICATION**

Our next Parent/Child Dedication is on Saturday, March 21st at 10 am. We'll have parent information meetings after all services the weekend of February 29th/March 1st. If you know you're ready to get started, you can pick up a booklet at Children's Check-In, the Family Ministry Wall or Guest Services. Questions? Please email pcd@newhope.org.

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GIVE A LITTLE. GAIN A LOT.

It's time to sign up for the next New Hope Blood Drive on Saturday, March 7th from 12 - 4 pm!

Make your lifesaving appointment today! You can schedule online at bit.ly/NHCSaveLives032020 or call 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372) and use Sponsor Code 6526.

Contact Kim Feld at 703.971.4673 (ext 108) or kim.feld@newhope.org with any questions.

Photo ID required. Allow up to one hour for donor visit.



INTERESTED IN JOINING A SMALL GROUP?

Stop by the front lobby before or after any service the second or fourth weekend of the month for more information. Maybe you are investigating and you want to ask some questions like, "What is a small group?" or "What happens in a group meeting?" Maybe you have been visiting the church for a while, but you don't feel all that connected. New Hope encourages everyone to be a part of a small group, because this is where real relationships are formed. We all need a place where we can be ourselves, while looking at God's word and praying for each other. Mark your calendar (February 22/23. March 14/15th and 28/29). Ask for Dan Dever (or feel free to email dan.dever@newhope.org or 703.971.4673 Ext. 150).



This month, we have been focusing on sharing our faith by giving the gift of love and hope to those in need. We have two partners we work with to help our neighbors around the world. They are Hope 4 Kids International (hope4kidsinternational.org) and Feed My Starving Children (fmsc.org). Both of these amazing organizations are focused on helping children around the world have a better tomorrow. We are committed to meeting the needs of 50 children through H4KI and providing meals that will feed 1,644 children this year through FMSC. **Will you join us?**

Sponsoring a child through H4KI costs just \$1 a day. For \$31 a month you can provide for basic needs, healthcare, educational tuition, cost of supplies and books. You will receive a picture and biographical information about the child you sponsor and have the opportunity to correspond with them. We have made it super simple for you to see the kids in need of sponsorship. **Visit newhope.org/givethegift to view the children and their profiles.** You can also stop by the table in the front lobby to see the kids available for sponsorship.

Feeding a child for an entire year through FMSC costs just \$.24 a day or \$88 for the year. When we supply the food, ministry partners who work with these children are able to use their resources for education, medical and housing needs. The food is sent to the area of greatest need and although you won't see specific faces, once our food has shipped following our mobilepack in November, we will let you know the food's destination. **Visit give.classy.org/hopeforhelp to make a donation for the much-needed food through feed my starving children.**