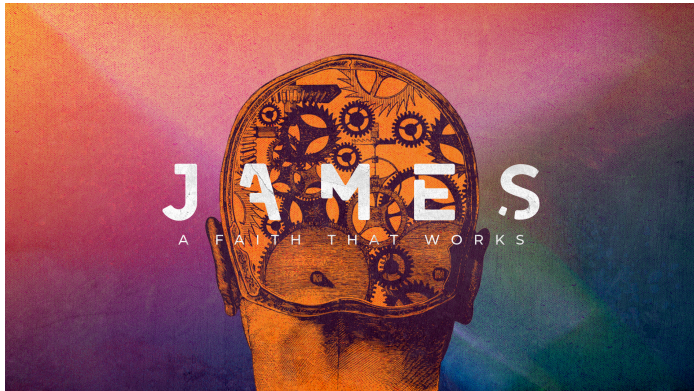


TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: James
Message: The Same But Different
Speaker: Rusty Coram
Date: February 29/March 1, 2020

Look over the notes from the message.

1. Think about a time when you were treated with prejudice or when others were given preferential treatment over you (i.e. school, work, neighborhood, team). Describe how you felt.

2. Now be very honest. Think of how you have had a prejudiced attitude about someone...or a people group. What has fueled your negative thinking and/or actions toward them? Do you believe your assessment of them is fair? Would you want to be seen that same way? How do you think God feels toward them?

3. Read the parable Jesus told to challenge a prideful and prejudicial attitude in Luke 18:9-14.

4. What is one thing you could do this week to shift your attitude?

Additional passages from the Bible we looked at this week:

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7 (NLT)

²⁶ For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on the character of Christ, like putting on new clothes. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:26-28 (NLT)

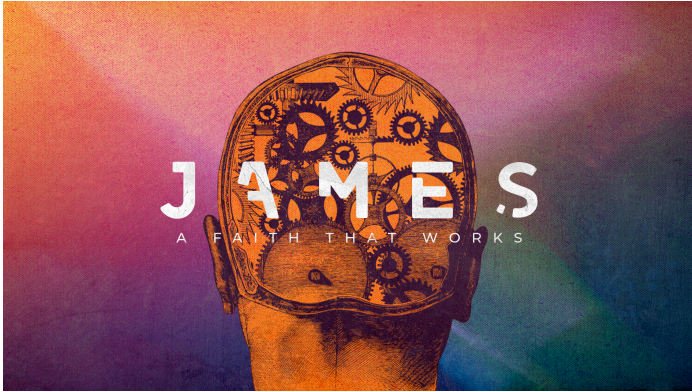
³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Philippians 2:3-4 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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¹ My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others? ² For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. ³ If you give special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, “You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor”—well, ⁴ doesn’t this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives? ⁵ Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn’t God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren’t they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you dishonor the poor! Isn’t it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court? ⁷ Aren’t they the ones who slander Jesus Christ, whose noble name you bear? ⁸ Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹ But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin.

James 2:1-9 (NLT)

Genuine faith in Christ determines....

...how I view others.

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James 2:1-2 (NLT)

...how I value others.

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James 2:3-4 (NLT)

...how I relate to others.

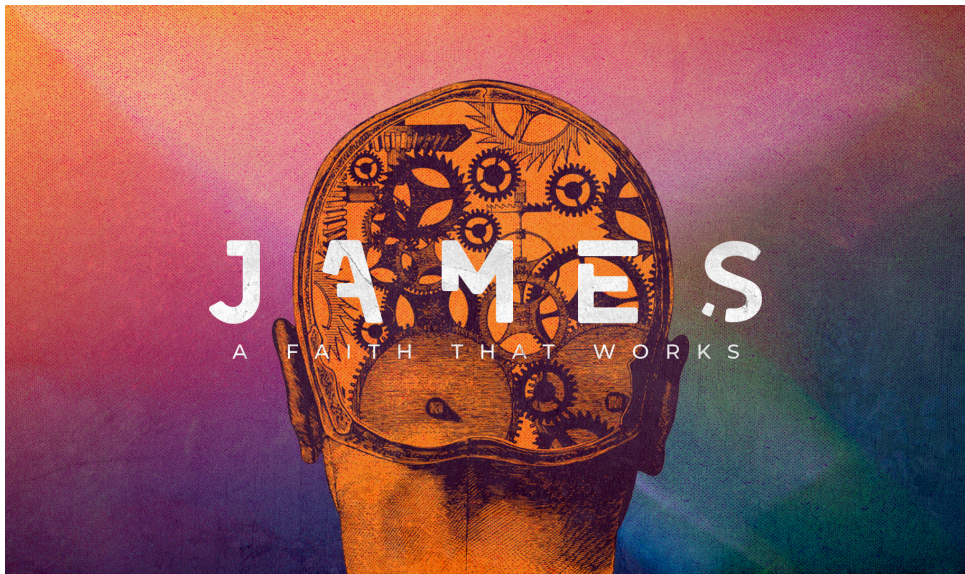
Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: “Love your neighbor as yourself.

James 2:8 (NLT)

...how I represent Jesus!

¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:18-20 (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: The Same But Different.** God hates prejudice and His love knows no partiality. Quite the opposite is true. God rejoices in our uniqueness – He created us that way! We are to love others with the same appreciation and goodness that God loves us.

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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WOMEN'S EVENT



LAURA STORY

FRESH GROUNDED FAITH
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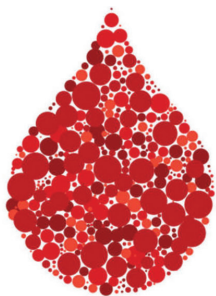
Join us for an area-wide women's event at First Baptist of Woodbridge from 9 am - 3 pm (doors open at 8 am). Tickets are available for \$55 at northstarwomensnetwork.org or \$65 at the door (if available).. Questions? Please email Karena.Rowenhorst@newhope.org.



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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.**



GIVE A LITTLE.
GAIN A LOT.


It's time to sign up for the New Hope Blood Drive on Saturday, March 7th from 12 - 4 pm. You can schedule online today at bit.ly/NHCSaveLives032020 or call 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372) and use Code 6526.

Contact Kim at 703.971.4673 (ext 108) or email kim.feld@newhope.org with 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 it's 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 (March 14/15th and 28/29). Ask for Dan Dever (or email dan.dever@newhope.org or call 703.971.4673 Ext. 150).



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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- 3.7 Blood Drive
- 3.8 Clocks Change (Spring Ahead)
- 3.14 Northstar Conference
- 3.21 Parent/Child Dedication
- 3.22 Mission Muffins
- 3.30 Bryant Easter Basket Project

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- 4.4-5 Baptism Info Meetings
- 4.10 Good Friday
- 4.11-12 Easter Services
Sat 5:30 & 7:30
Sun 9 & 11
- 4.18 Baptism Celebration
- 4.25 Men's Breakfast
- 4.26 Mission Muffins

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- 5.2 Women's Walk-2-Freedom
- 5.16 Bingo Night
- 5.16/17 Bike Drive for NicaWorks
- 5.24 Mission Muffins

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- 6.28 Mission Muffins

PARENT CHILD DEDICATION

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

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