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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



Order of Worship September 21, 2025 Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome
Worship in Song
Call to Worship
Worship in Song
Prayer

We Listen to the Word

Sermon Series: Faith Works Sermon: "Part II. Faith Listens"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen







For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events, please visit <u>tablelifechurch.org</u>.

Doggy Bag-

Some questions to chew on:

- Has talkativeness (not listening) or a quick temper ever been a problem for you or someone close to you? Why is listening so difficult? Yet why is listening so important and powerful—a "gateway?"
- 2. Why should we be humble when listening to others?
- 3. What does humility look like when listening to God? What are some ways you listen to God? Why is God's Word so essential?
- 4. In your life, when was a time you heard something significant but then did nothing about it? What about the opposite?
- 5. What are some ways we can be "hearers" but not "doers" of the Word?
- 6. Of the three specific ways James names in the "doing of the Word" (controlling the tongue, caring for those in need, keeping from being polluted), which is a struggle for you? As a Christfollower, do you tend to gravitate more toward moral integrity or social action? Why do both need to be lived out if we're following Jesus?
- 7. How can you be more intentional about listening with humility—to God and to others? Is there an area of life where God has been telling you to do something but you've been ignoring him? What step of faith will you take this week?

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Series: Faith Works Part II. "Faith Listens" Pastor Kris Beckert

I. The Book of James

•	Written by who was the brother of
•	James didn't believe Jesus was the Son of God until after the resurrection when he saw
•	He became the leader of the 1st century Church in

 James 1:1-18 How does faith work when you're facing trouble? Faith changes us, how we see challenges, and what we pursue

II. How does faith work when we think we know what to do?

The	key:							
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James 1:19-21 My dear brothers and sisters take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

James 1:22-25. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

- James' mirror illustration: don't just look once and carry on
- Jesus says it matters what we do with our faith in him:

Luke 6:46 "Why do you call me Lord, but don't do what I say?"

Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven."

III. Doing the Work: Three Specifics

James 1:26-27 Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

1. Control your	
2. Care for	
3. Keep yourself from being	
Big Idea:	