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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



Order of Worship September 28, 2025 Sixteenth 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 III. Faith Serves"

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



Halloween *Candy*

For our Halloween Rest Stop Thursday, October 30th

Donate

bags of wrapped candy by Oct. 17

Stuff

help us stuff 1000 treat bags Sunday October 19 @9:30am



Doggy Bag-

Some questions to chew on:

- Have you ever been treated condescendingly or watched someone be discriminated against because of what they looked like or their status? How did that make you feel? When have you been the one who did so?
- 2. Why do we show favoritism toward certain people? What does James say about showing favoritism? What should keep Christians from looking down at people?
- 3. In what ways can we be misled by someone's outward actions/ looks/speech? Has God ever taught you something through someone who would be written off by society?
- 4. What are some things we say to justify our treatment and judgment of someone? How did Jesus expand the concreteness of the Commandments?
- 5. What does it mean that mercy triumphs over judgment? What does that look like in our lives?
- 6. What does James say is the relationship between faith and deeds? How do you know if your faith is real and alive? Why do you think James keeps referring to how we treat the poor as a test of faith?
- 7. Examining your own faith, how is your faith in Jesus evident in your treatment of others—especially those our world considers outsiders or people on the margins?

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Series: Faith Works Part III. Faith Serves Pastor Kris Beckert

Have you ever felt like an outsider?

I. Summary of the Book of James so far

- James 1:1-18 "How does faith work when you're facing trouble?" Faith changes us, how we see challenges, and what we pursue
- James 1:19-27: "How does faith work when we think we know what to do?" Faith listens first and then does the work

II. How does faith work in how we treat one another?

#1. You don't look,	you only look
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James 2:1-4 My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

- The world shows favoritism, but the Church
- We can't forget that we are all under the throne of

#2.	You aren't misled by the	but you
	examine the	

James 2:5-9 Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong? ⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

#3.	You don't justify	, you start with

James 2:10-13 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. ¹² Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

#4.	You don't just	about deeds, you
	provide for actual	

James 2:14-19 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

v.20-25 Two examples of translating faith into action:
 Abraham and Rahab

James 2:26 As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

Big Idea: