

WHAT MATTERS MOST

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF JAMES



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James 2:1-17
What Matters Most
Pastor T.K. Anderson
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1. Real Faith Refuses _____

“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?**”

James 2:1 (NLT), Mark 10:47-48

2. Real Faith Remembers _____

“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?” James 2:5 (NLT), 8, 13

3. Real Faith Responds With _____

“What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone?”

James 2:14-17 (NLT)



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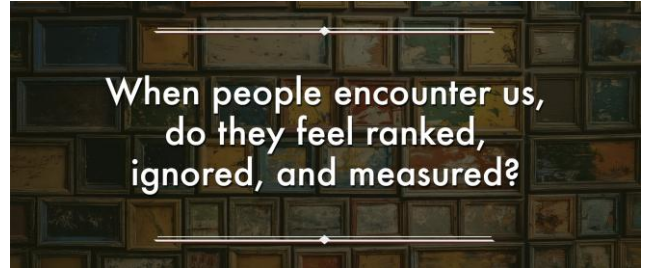


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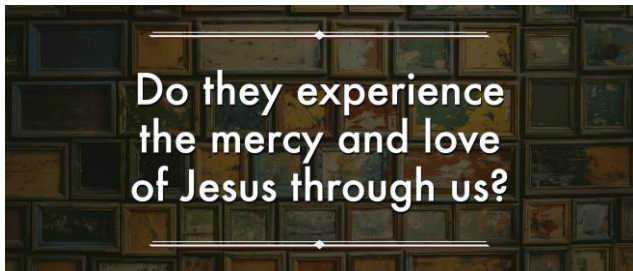
**James will not
let faith
stay abstract**

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When people encounter us,
do they feel ranked,
ignored, and measured?

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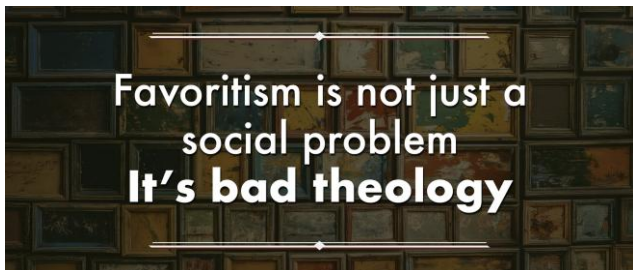
Do they experience
the mercy and love
of Jesus through us?

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1 | Real Faith Refuses FAVORITISM
“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?”
James 2:1 (NLT)

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Favoritism is not just a
social problem
It's bad theology

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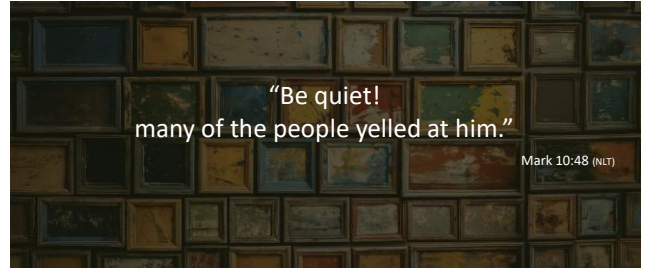


“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”
Mark 10:47 (NLT)

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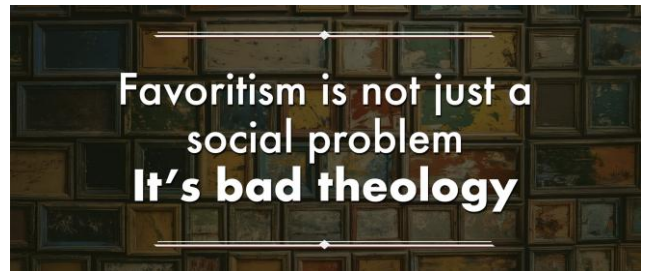
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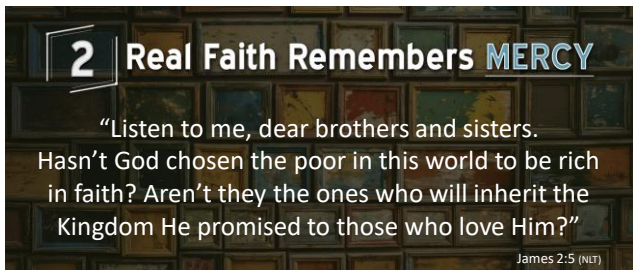
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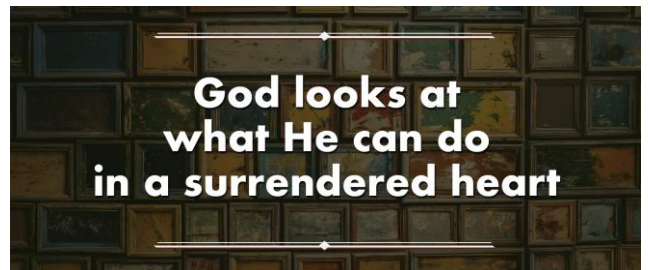
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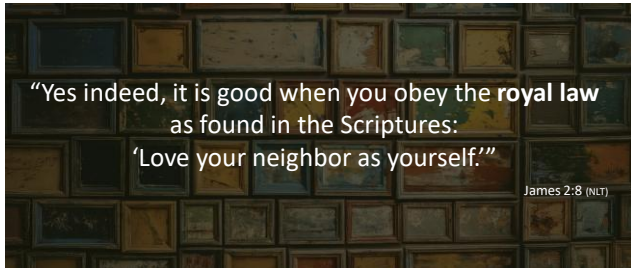
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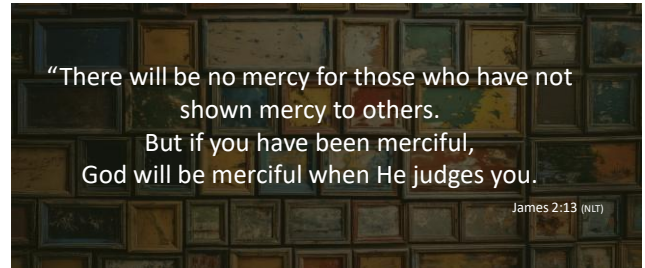
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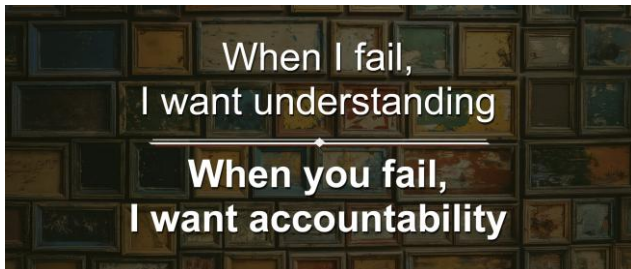
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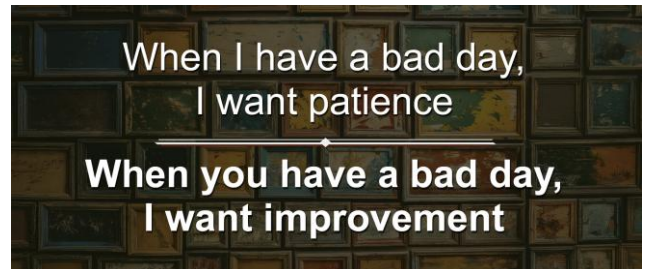
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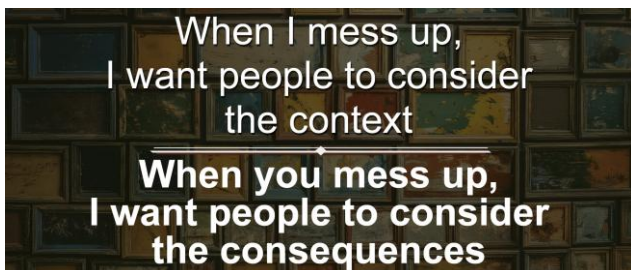
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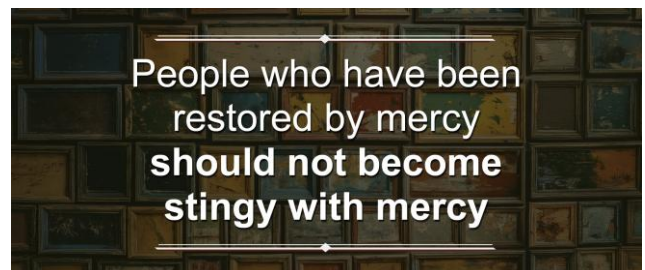
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3 Real Faith Responds With ACTION

“What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone?”

James 2:14 (NLT)

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“Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, ‘Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well’ but then you do not give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?”

James 2:15-16 (NLT)

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“So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.”

James 2:17 (NLT)

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Works are not the **root** of salvation, but they are the **fruit** of salvation

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The love of Jesus was never meant to stop with us,
It was meant to flow through us

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What kind of faith am I actually living?

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