



A\_Study\_In\_James

# REALFAITH

# Today's Worship Service

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## PRAISE

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)*

Call To Worship	Psalm 100
"United In Christ"	Lindsey, Poore
Welcome & Announcements	Josh Poore, Director of Worship Arts
Pastoral Address	Pastor Mike Matheson

## RENEWAL

*As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)*

Prayer of Confession	Pastor Mike Matheson
Assurance of Grace	Pastor Mike Matheson
"Mighty To Save"	Fielding, Morgan
"He Will Hold Me Fast"	Habershon, Merker
Offering	

## PROCLAMATION

*Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)*

Reading of the Word	James 2:1-13	Josh Poore
<i>Reader: This is God's Word for us today.</i>		
<i>All: Thanks be to God.</i>		
Preaching of the Word		Pastor Danny D'Acquisto

## RESPONSE

*Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. (Psalm 63:3)*

"What Love Is"	Lindsey
Peru Team Commissioning	Pastor Danny D'Acquisto
Benediction	Pastor Danny D'Acquisto

# Sermon Review Discussion Questions

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

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We have now entered into Chapter 2 in our 'Real Faith' series in James and are beginning to examine some of the passages that are quickly identifiable with the epistle. Chapter 2 begins with James getting very specific with his concerns over how the body of Christ treats one another; particularly in the area of giving preference to some and denying it to others based on worldly measures. As we come to understand the passage, it is necessary that we honestly examine our own hearts and apply the questions that it raises to ourselves and to Grace Church as a whole.

## Discussion Questions

1. Read the passage together and consider the main idea: 'Real faith lovingly welcomes all people, regardless of social status.' How often do you explore your own heart on these things? Do you feel different about people based on their societal position? Do these feelings ever manifest themselves outwardly in your treatment of them?
2. James 2:2-3 gives an example of distinctions made amongst the church based on outward appearance and the way people dress. In what ways are we too quick to make distinctions based on these things? Is the way people dress in church important to you? If so, why? Do you feel that Grace Church is welcoming to all people?
3. In verses 6 and 7, James makes the case that the rich pose a greater threat to God's people than the poor. How is this true in the context of this letter and throughout much of history? Is this true today? Is James telling us that wealth is evil or is he making a different point?
4. In what ways have you struggled with favoritism? Do you consider it with the level of seriousness that James does in 2:8-11? What are the reasons for why we often downplay its seriousness and possibly even think of it as a minor sin?
5. What does it mean to 'remember our poverty before the Lord'? Why is this so essential to our growth as Christians? How do we remind ourselves of this? What does it look like for us to remind one another?

# In-Sermon Focus Questions

These questions are designed to keep you engaged during the sermon.

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1. Why do we often care so much about how people dress and present themselves?

2. Ultimately, why is it a problem to favor the rich within the church?

3. What is the “royal law”?

4. Why should we be so eager to extend mercy to others, especially the poor?

5. Can we earn God’s mercy by showing mercy to others? Why or why not?

# Sermon Notes

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**Preacher:** Pastor Danny D'Acquisto

**Sermon:** Loving Faith That Welcomes

**Scripture:** James 2:1-13

**Date:** September 30, 2018

***For more information on this topic look into:***

*James: A 12 Week Study (Knowing the Bible)* by Greg Gilbert

*James (Life Change Series)* by NavPress

*The Message of James* by J. Alec Motyer

# Next Week's Sermon Preparation

These questions are for personal use during the week to help you prepare for next week's passage, James 2:14-26.

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## ***Context***

1. What can you learn about the person or situation to which the letter is written?
2. What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
3. What was the main point of the passage immediately before this one? Are there logical or thematic connections to the passage you are reading?

## ***Observation***

1. Are there any major sub-sections or breaks in the text? Are there key connecting words (for, therefore, but, because) that indicate the logical flow of the passage?
2. What is the main point or points? What supporting points does the author make?
3. What surprises are there in the flow of the argument?

## ***Meaning***

1. How does this text relate to other parts of the book?
2. How does the passage relate to Jesus?
3. What does this teach you about God?
4. How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

## ***Application***

1. How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?
2. Is there some attitude you need to change?
3. How does this passage call on you to change the way you live?

Adapted from: *One to One Bible Reading, A Simple Guide for Every Christian*  
by David Helm (Available at the Grace Book Cart)

**Women's Communita & Coffee**  
**Saturday, October 6th, 9am - 11am**

Please mark your calendars to bring your Bible and a friend to Grace for our fall women's gathering! Mary Andrews will be sharing with us what God's Word says about our identity and where it can be found.

- **Worship through singing**
- **Bagels and other yummy brunch items**
- **Studying God's Word**
- **Connecting with and praying for one another**
- **Giving away a few prizes!**

We would love to have you join us for this autumn women's gathering! If you have questions, please contact the Grace Church office: 262-632-2111.

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*You Are Invited!*

**2019 Guatemala Medical/Dental Mission Trip**  
**FUNdraiser & Barn Party!**

**Sunday October 7, 2018**  
**12:30pm - 4:30pm**

**Live Band • Silent Auction • BBQ • Hayrides • Horseback Rides**  
**Bouncy Castle • Pumpkin Carving • Crafts for Kids**

**At: The Palmer Residence, 7930 Botting Road**  
**Caledonia, WI 53402**

# Announcements

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## ***Child Dedication***

Sunday, October 28th

Required Class: 10/14, after service, childcare provided.

Register at [graceinracine.com](http://graceinracine.com)

***Celebrate Recovery*** is a safe place to find support if you are struggling with a difficult season of life. CR is not just for addictions, it is for all of us who need to go deeper in Christ when life gets hard. Don't struggle alone - please join us for hope and encouragement every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Loft.

## ***Village Creek Bible Camp News***

Moms & Sons Retreat: Oct. 19-21

Fall Crafting Retreat: Nov. 2-4

Dad & Daughter Retreat: Nov. 9-11

Couples Retreat: Nov. 16-18

For more info: [villagecreek.net](http://villagecreek.net)

## ***Parent Life Mentors Needed***

There was recently an influx in referrals for teen parents to be mentored through Parent Life. Please contact leader, Juli Toutant to get involved: 262-995-5996

## ***Membership & Baptism Class***

Our membership process involves attending a Saturday morning membership class. This class gives you an opportunity to learn what makes us tick (our beliefs, our core values, our organizational structure, etc.). The class takes you through an in depth look at our 4 Core Values: Equipping, Worshiping, Community, and Mission. After the class, if you decide you would like to become a member, you will be able to sit down with an Elder who will get to know you, hear your story, and answer any last questions you might have about Grace.

Combined with this Membership Class will be Baptism Class. If you're interested in being baptized at Grace Church, you will need to attend this class.

- Meets: Saturday, October 27th, 9am - Noon
- Next Baptism Opportunity: Sunday, November 11th
- Register for Membership/Baptism Class at [graceinracine.com](http://graceinracine.com)

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**Last Week:** Sanctuary Attendance: 604 Children's Ministry Attendance: 103

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**Giving:** Last Week: \$25,930 YTD: \$1,140,706 +/- Budget: \$-3,316