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James | Faith That Works - Week 7

“Surrender, Then Surrender Again”

James 4:1-5 (ESV)

¹ “What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, ‘He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us?’”

- God’s jealousy for you is rooted in Him being a loving Father who knows what’s best for you.

James 4:6-10 (ESV)

⁶ “But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’ ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”

- What part of my life do I need to re-surrender to God’s leadership and authority?

⇒ **Continual surrender means I can’t let my guard down against the devil’s schemes to pull me away from God.**

- Resist the enemy by anticipating the drift towards “checklist Christianity.”
- Resist the enemy by fighting shame but hating our sin.
- Resist the enemy with prayer and dependence on God.

Ephesians 6:10-13 (ESV), Ephesians 6:16 (ESV), James 4:8 (ESV)

- Continual surrender means I draw near to God again, again, and again.

Luke 23:44-46 (NKJV)

⁴⁴ “Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. ⁴⁵ Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, ‘Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.’ Having said this, He breathed His last.”

Leviticus 16:30 (ESV)

- “He tore the veil” means I can be forgiven and draw near to God.

Hebrews 9:11a-12 (ESV)

¹¹ “But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come...¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.”

Hebrews 6:19 (ESV)

“We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,”

Hebrews 4:16 (ESV)

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Draw near to Him again. Start now.



Upcoming Events:

- 11/1: Membership Class
- ➡ 11/6: Family Outdoor Movie Night
- ➡ 11/8: Men's Chili Cookout
- 11/13-15: High School Retreat

Register Here:

