

# SERMON NOTES

## A PRIMER ON THE BOOK OF JAMES

**Who:** James, the half brother of Jesus

**When:** Sometime between 43-46 AD, before Paul’s first missionary journey. Likely the first NT book written.

**To Whom:** Jewish believers in Jesus scattered throughout the world

**Why:** To encourage believers to live out their faith in day-to-day life, not merely as a ritual or custom, but as deliberate acts of faith and worship. James writes with many references to the sermon on the mount and the book of Proverbs.

### Screen Door – Rich Mullins

It's about as useless as  
A screen door on a submarine  
Faith without works baby  
It just ain't happenin'  
One is your left hand  
One is your right  
It'll take two strong arms  
To hold on tight  
Some folks cut off their nose  
Just to spite their face  
I think you need some works to show  
For your alleged faith

Faith comes from God and  
Every word that He breathes  
He lets you take it to your heart  
So you can give it hands and feet  
It's gotta be active if it's gonna be alive  
You gotta put it into practice  
Otherwise

It's about as useless as a  
Screen door on a submarine  
Faith without works baby  
It just ain't happenin'

Well there's a difference you know  
Between having faith  
And playing make believe  
One will make you grow  
The other one just make you sleep  
Talk about it (yeah)  
And I really think you oughta  
Take a leap off of the ship  
Before you claim to walk on water

One is your right hand one is your left  
It's your light your guide  
Your life and your breath

Faith without works is  
Like a song you can't sing  
It's about as useless as  
A screen door on a submarine

Faith without works  
Is like a song you can't sing (sing)  
It's about as useless as  
A screen door on a submarine



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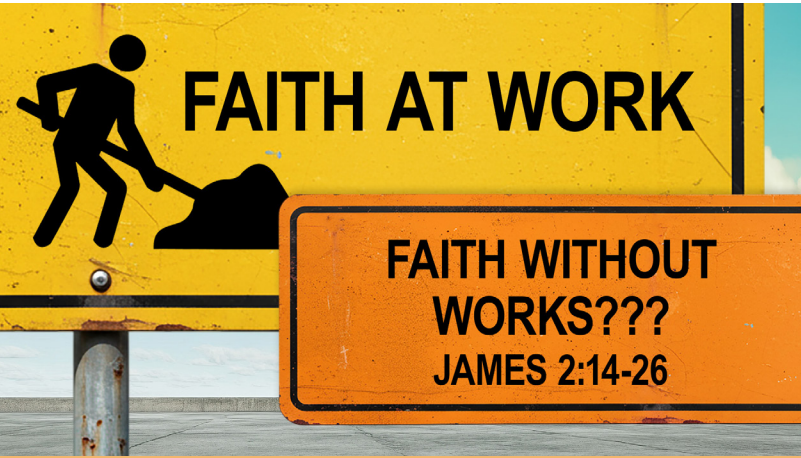
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The evidence of true faith is seen in a Gospel-transformed life.  
The Book of James teaches us what faith looks like at work in our lives.

**Sunday, June 15, 2025**

**Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.**

### Prelude

*His Glory And My Good*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship

*Only A Holy God  
How Great Is Our God  
Good Good Father*

### Offering

*All I Have Is Christ*

### Prayer & Message

"Faith Without Works???"  
Series: Faith At Work  
James 2:14-26 (p.1012)  
Rev. James Karsten

### Response

*Your Grace Is Enough*

### Closing Blessing

*KidLife Worship (3 years - 2nd grade, Fireside Room)  
and nursery (Room 241) are available.*

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DOUBLE-UP GIVING SUNDAY - JUNE 22, 2025

Dear Church family,

We’re inviting everyone to join us for a special Double-Up Giving Sunday on June 22, 2025. We hope that you will prayerfully consider this discrete giving opportunity to help keep our church budget on track following the emergency sewer and carpet repairs that are in process. The sewer repair has been completed and the carpet repair will be completed after VBS. Praise God that we now have a safe and clean area to use for our various ministries.

We also want to extend a huge thank you to the many volunteers who stepped up to help with the repairs and cleanup. Your hard work, time, and servant hearts made a big difference, and we are so grateful.

Please prayerfully consider giving above and beyond your regular offering on June 22. Every gift—big or small—will help us cover these unexpected costs and continue moving forward in ministry.

Let’s come together and make this a Sunday of generosity and gratitude!

In His Service,  
RRC Deacons



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21
worship service	golf - 5pm  VBS - 6-8pm  prayer partners 7pm via zoom	men’s devotional bkf 8-9am, fellowship hall  VBS - 6-8pm	youth bible study 9-10am  VBS - 6-8pm	VBS - 6-8pm		
June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28
worship service  double up sunday	golf 5pm  prayer partners 7pm via zoom	men’s devotional bkf 8-9am, fellowship hall  YA bible study 7am	youth bible study 9-10am	ladies book club 6:30-8pm, fellowship lobby	YA summer social 6-10pm	single ladies lunch 1pm, fireside
June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5
worship service	golf 5pm  prayer partners 7pm via zoom	men’s devotional bkf 8-9am, fellowship hall				

More information on these activities can be found in our weekly eBeacon (sent out Sunday mornings). If you haven’t signed up to receive this weekly email, contact the front office at [connect@rockfordrc.org](mailto:connect@rockfordrc.org) and ask to be put on the list.

SINDLE LADIES LUNCH

June 28, 1pm. Lunch at church followed by games. Please RSVP to Wilma Nelson (616-690-4479 or [wpnelson14@gmail.com](mailto:wpnelson14@gmail.com)). Lunch will be an indoor picnic to celebrate summer and Independence Day.

WOMEN'S SUMMER LUNCHEONS

Attention RRC women and friends! Mark your calendars for any or all of 3 Summer Luncheons hosted by the RRC Women’s Bible Study Group. It will be a time of fun and fellowship! We will meet at 11:30am on the second Tuesday of each month at the Boulder Creek Golf Club (separate checks): June 10, July 8, and August 12. 5750 Brewer Ave NE, Belmont. RSVP to Jen Klaasen ([jenklaasen@hotmail.com](mailto:jenklaasen@hotmail.com)).

YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER SOCIAL NIGHT

Friday, June 27, 6-10pm. Come hang out at the Vergouwes’ place for some tasty dinner, games, and a fire to kick off summer right. Whether you want to compete, chat, or just chill by the fire, there’s something for everyone. Bring yourself, bring a friend, and let’s make it a fun night! RSVP to [tim.v@rockfordrc.org](mailto:tim.v@rockfordrc.org) so we can plan dinner and snacks accordingly. Looking forward to a fun summer night with you all!

SUMMER 2025 YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY

9-10am on Wednesdays — June 18, 25; July 9, 16, 30; August 6, 13, 20. For whoever is interested, we will be meeting for a relaxed, hour-long Bible study focused on growing in the skills needed to read and understand God’s Word. Each week we’ll look at a different passage and ask questions like: What does it say? How does it reveal Jesus? How does it connect to the rest of Scripture? What does it mean for me? Students will spend time prayerfully reading and reflecting on the passage before coming together to discuss what we’ve learned. This isn’t a deep dive into one book—it’s about building a toolkit to help students confidently approach any passage of Scripture on their own and apply it to life.

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VBS

June 16-19

6-8 p.m.

3 yrs - 6th grade

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