

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.



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FAITH AT WORK

TRUE FRIENDSHIP

JAMES 3:18-4:10

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, July 6, 2025

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

God Is For Us

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Goodness Of God

Grace Alone

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Offering

Be A Lamp

Prayer & Message

"True Friendship

Series: Faith At Work

James 3:18-4:10 (p.1012)

Rev. James Karsten

Response

Come Thou Fount

Closing Blessing

*Note: There is no KidLife Worship today.
Nursery is available for kids 5 and under.*

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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).

YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER PRAYER STUDY
7pm on Wednesdays – July 9, 16, 30; August 6
We’re planning to hold a four-week prayer study (in place of our Young Adult Bible study) created by Sherry Harney, co-author (with her husband Kevin) of the “Organic” series, including *Organic Disciples* and *Organic Outreach*. This study will meet weekly and requires only a one-month commitment. A vibrant prayer life is essential for growing closer to Jesus and becoming deeper disciples. Prayer is not just talking to God—it’s partnering with Jesus in His Kingdom mission, seeking His will, and being transformed by His presence. This study will help deepen our understanding of prayer and its vital role in our walk with Christ. If you’re interested, please let Tim VanderZwaag know.

YOUNG ADULTS BONFIRE AND BARBECUE
Friday, July 11, 6:30-10pm at the Claytons'
Join us for a chill summer evening of food, fire, and friends at the Claytons’! We’ll have a barbecue, yard games, and plenty of time to hang out around the bonfire. Come ready to relax and connect. We look forward to seeing you there! Feel free to invite non-RRC friends as well—We’d love to have them. Please RSVP to 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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12
worship service	golf 5pm prayer partners 7pm via zoom	men’s devotional bkf 8-9am, fellowship hall women’s luncheon 11:30am, Boulder Creek	youth bible study 9-10am YA prayer study 7pm		YA bonfire @ Claytons 6:30-10pm	
July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19
worship service	golf 5pm prayer partners 7pm via zoom	men’s devotional bkf 8-9am, fellowship hall	youth bible study 9-10am YA prayer study 7pm			
July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26
worship service communion youth mission trip (all week)	golf 5pm prayer partners 7pm via zoom	men’s devotional bkf 8-9am, fellowship hall				single ladies lunch 1pm, fireside

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 and ask to be put on the list.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We need help removing carpet in the church basement this week:

- Wednesday, July 9
- Thursday, July 10
- Friday, July 11

If you’re available to help, please contact Scott Brownell at 616-723-3310 and let him know when you can assist so he can coordinate efforts.

Your help is greatly appreciated!