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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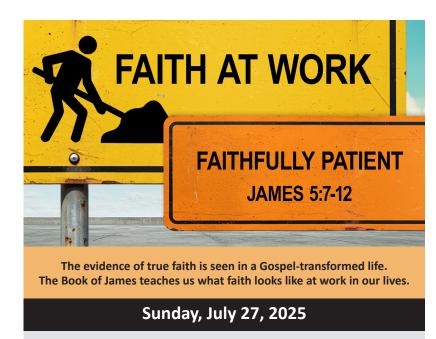
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Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Made Alive

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

God Is For Us His Glory And My Good Only A Holy God

Offering

Great Are You Lord

Prayer & Message

"Faithfully Patient" Series: Faith At Work James 5:7-12 (p.1013) Rev. James Karsten

Response

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Closing Blessing

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

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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.

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 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	August 1	August 2
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			
August 3	August 4	August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8	August 9
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			
August 10	August 11	August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15	August 16
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			

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.

NIGHT OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Friday, September 5, 6:30pm

Come join us for an evening of prayer, worship, and reflection as we seek the Lord together. Through Scripture, song, and stillness, we'll lift our prayers like incense (Psalm 141:2) and join in the spirit of the early church—gathering with sincere hearts and praising God (Acts 2:46–47). Prayer partners will be available throughout the evening, and quiet spaces will be set up in the fellowship lobby for anyone who needs to sit, reflect, or ask for prayer. Childcare and prayer-centered activities will be available for young children. Whether you come with words or silence, with joy or weariness—you are welcome here. Any questions or if you'd like to volunteer to help see Nick Verburg or Rob Yamamoto.

FOCAL POINT KIDS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Focal Point is moving back to Sunday nights this fall, with programming for all ages expected to run approximately 5-7pm, with dinner and worship together at the beginning of the evening.

For our kids programming we are in need of the following:

- Leader for preschool-1st grade class (weekly commitment)
- Helper for preschool-1st grade class (weekly commitment)
- Leader for 2nd-5th grade class (weekly commitment)
- Helper for 2nd-5th grade class (weekly commitment)
- 4-6 Nursery volunteers (variable commitment, depending on number of volunteers in the rotation)

Please email Emily at rrccm@rockfordrc.org or send her a text at 319-855-8570 to let her know of your interest in participating in this ministry.