

NO FILTER

WEEK TWO

SCRIPTURE

James 2:1-4

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. 2 For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, 3 and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," 4 have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

James 2:8-13

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. 9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. 11 For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. 13 For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

James 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good[a] is that? 17 So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

NOTES

We've got to focus less on favorites and more on faithfulness.

That means it's not enough to believe right, we also must act right.

What breaks God's heart that breaks my heart?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Why is it so easy to elevate celebrities and view them differently? How should we view famous people?

Have you ever had someone play favorites and because of that you were left out or missed out on an opportunity? How did that feel?

Why is it important to recognize that all of us are simply people sitting in our own messes? How does that impact the way we view ourselves when we get things wrong?

What are some ways that you are putting your faith into action? What impact does that have on you? How does it effect those around you?

What breaks God's heart that breaks your heart? What are you going to do about it?