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Series: Big Story- Bigger God

James: Genuine Gospel Faith

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## Scripture for Public Reading:

*Matthew 7:24–29*

*[24] Everyone then who **hears these words of mine and does them** will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. [25] And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. [26] And everyone who **hears these words of mine and does not do them** will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. [27] And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”*

*[28] And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, [29] for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes. (ESV)*

## Introduction to James

- Description
- Purpose
- Prayer

## **The Flyover** - Genuine Gospel Faith

- **Genuine gospel faith...counts joy in our trials...**

*James 1:2–3*

*[2] Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds*

*[3] for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.*

*(ESV)*

- **Genuine gospel faith...takes personal responsibility for sin...**

- **Genuine gospel faith... hears and does the word...**

*James 1:22*

*[22] But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. (ESV)*

- **Genuine gospel faith speaks carefully...**

*James 3:8–10*

*[8] but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. [9] With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. [10] From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. (ESV)*

- **Genuine gospel faith cares sacrificially...**

*James 2:14–16*

*[14] 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 is that? (ESV)*

- **Genuine gospel faith shows no partiality...**

- **Genuine gospel faith submits humbly to God...**

*James 4:7–8*

*[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. (ESV)*

- **Genuine gospel faith departs from worldly ways...**

*James 4:4*

*[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. (ESV)*

- **Genuine gospel faith prays in suffering...**
- **Genuine gospel faith confesses sins...**
- **Genuine gospel faith anticipates Jesus' return...**

*James 5:8–9*

*[8] You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. [9] Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. (ESV)*

### **The Focus- Genuine Gospel Faith**

- **Genuine Gospel Faith Counts Joy in Trials**

*James 1:1*

*[1] James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. (ESV)*

*James 1:2–4*

*[2] Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, [3] for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. [4] And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. (ESV)*

*Matthew 5:11-12*

*[11] Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (ESV)*

*James 1:12*

*[12] Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. (ESV)*

*James 1:5*

*[5] If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. (ESV)*

- **Genuine Gospel Faith Obeys the Word**

*James 1:19–25*

*[19] ... let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; [20] for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. [21] Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

*[22] But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. [23] For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. [24] For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. [25] But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. (ESV)*

*Jeremiah 31:33*

*[33] For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (ESV)*

- **Genuine Gospel Faith Speaks carefully & Cares sacrificially**

*James 1:26–27*

*[26] If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. [27] Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (ESV)*

## **Prayer**

<Song>

## **Chris leads in Communion with church**

<Songs>

## **Benediction Verse**

*1 Thessalonians 5:23–24*

*[23] Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. [24] He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. (ESV)*