



Faith - Family - Fellowship

Order of Worship
Traditional Worship Service
October 12, 2025

Words of Welcome		PR
Prayer of Transformation		PR
Call to Worship	I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing	Chancel Choir
Hymn of Faith	All Who Love and Service Your City (Hymnal #433, Chancel Choir vs 1, All Sing vs 2, 3, &4)	Chancel Choir & Congregation
Word of God	James 1:19 - 2:13	Robert Baxter
Anthem of Hope	The Solid Rock	Chancel Choir
Doxology / Blessing of the Offering	Hymnal #95	Jim Vaughn
Word of God	James 2:14-26	Rochelle Conley
Spiritual Vitamin	From One Brother To Another <i>"Faith That Acts"</i>	PR
Prayers of the Church / The Lord's Prayer		Dianne Boykin
Hymn of Love	Trust and Obey (Hymnal #467, All Sing vs 2 & 4)	Chancel Choir & Congregation
Going Forth		

Prayer of Transformation

Pastor: Please join me in today's Prayer of Transformation.

Lord, You call us to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.

All: Transform our hearts, O God, that we may hear with humility and respond with grace.

Pastor: You remind us that true righteousness is not born of human anger.

All: Cleanse us from all that corrupts and plant Your Word deep within us.

Pastor: Let us not be hearers only, deceiving ourselves.

All: Make us doers of Your Word, faithful in action and truth.

Pastor: You show us that pure religion cares for the vulnerable and keeps us unstained by the world.

All: Shape our lives to reflect Your compassion and holiness.

Pastor: You warn us against favoritism and partiality.

All: Teach us to see every person through the eyes of Christ—with dignity, mercy, and love.

Pastor: Faith without works is dead.

All: Breathe life into our faith, Lord, that it may move our hands, our feet, and our hearts.

Pastor: Like Abraham and Rahab, may our trust in You lead to bold obedience.

All: Let our lives be living testimonies of Your grace and power.

Pastor: We surrender our pride, our passivity, and our prejudice.

All: Transform us, O God, into a people of living faith—active, authentic, and alive in Christ. And when we see a need, we will meet that need.

Pastor: In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen.

Word of God - James 1:19 - 2:13

Today's word of God centers on the call to live out an authentic, active faith—one that is not just heard but practiced.

The highlight of these verses is a spiritual gut-check on how we should be living to fulfill Jesus' Great Commandment:

Are we...

- **Quick to Listen, Slow to Speak, Slow to Anger**
- **Doers of the Word**
- **Practicing Pure Religion**
- **Showing Favoritism**
- **Developing Our Faith and Works**

Are we living what we believe?

James doesn't let us settle for lip service—he calls us to a faith that moves, serves, and transforms.

Now hear the word of God from the Contemporary English version, James chapter 1, verses 19 through chapter 2, verse 13.

My dear friends, you should be quick to listen and slow to speak or to get angry. If you are angry, you cannot do any of the good things God wants done. You must stop doing anything immoral or evil. Instead, be humble and accept the message planted in you to save you.

Obey God's message! Don't fool yourselves by just listening to it. If you hear the message and don't obey it, you are like people who stare at themselves in a mirror and forget what they look like as soon as they leave. But you must never stop looking at the perfect law that sets you free. God will bless you in everything you do, if you listen and obey, and don't just hear and forget.

If you think you are being religious, but can't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is useless. Religion that pleases God the Father must be pure and spotless. You must help needy orphans and widows and not let this world make you evil.

My friends, if you have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, you won't treat some people better than others. Suppose a rich person wearing fancy clothes and a gold ring comes to one of your meetings. And suppose a poor person dressed in worn-out clothes also comes. You must not give the best seat to the one in fancy clothes and tell the one who is poor to stand at the side or sit on the floor. This is the same as saying that some people are better than others, and you would be acting like a crooked judge.

My dear friends, pay attention. God has given a lot of faith to the poor people in this world. God has also promised them a share in his kingdom that he will give to everyone who loves him. You mistreat the poor. But isn't it the rich who boss you around and drag you off to court? Aren't they the ones who make fun of your Lord?

You will do all right, if you obey the most important law in the Scriptures. It is the law that commands us to love others as much as we love ourselves. But if you treat some people better than others, you have done wrong, and the Scriptures teach that you have sinned.

If you obey every law except one, you are still guilty of breaking them all. The same God who told us to be faithful in marriage also told us not to murder. So even if you are faithful in marriage, but murder someone, you still have broken God's Law. Speak and act like people who will be judged by the law that sets us free. Do this, because on the day of judgment there will be no pity for those who have not had pity on others. But even in judgment, God is merciful!

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Word of God - James 2:14-26

Now hear the word of God, from the Contemporary English version, chapter 2, verses 14 through 26.

My friends, what good is it to say you have faith, when you don't do anything to show you really do have faith? Can this kind of faith save you? If you know someone who doesn't have any clothes or food, you shouldn't just say, "I hope all goes well for you. I hope you will be warm and have plenty to eat." What good is it to say this, unless you do something to help? Faith that doesn't lead us to do good deeds is all alone and dead!

Suppose someone disagrees and says, "It is possible to have faith without doing kind deeds." I would answer, "Prove that you have faith without doing kind deeds, and I will prove that I have faith by doing them." You surely believe there is only one God. That's fine. Even demons believe this, and it makes them shake with fear.

Does some stupid person want proof that faith without deeds is useless? Well, our ancestor Abraham pleased God by putting his son Isaac on the altar to sacrifice him. Now you see how Abraham's faith and deeds worked together. He proved his faith was real by what he did. This is what the Scriptures mean by saying, "Abraham had faith in God, and God accepted him." That's how Abraham became God's friend.

You can now see that we please God by what we do and not only by what we believe. For example, Rahab had been a prostitute. But she pleased God when she welcomed the spies and sent them home by another way. Anyone who doesn't breathe is dead, and faith that doesn't do anything is just as dead!

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