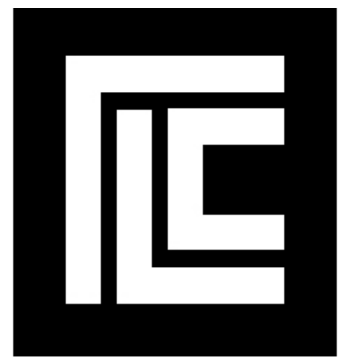


James: Love Has No Favorites

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James 2:1-13



In James 2:1-13, James gets all up in our business again instructing us that the church is to be different than the world by not having favorites. There are many scenarios to consider that help us assess where we tend to show favoritism based on class, appearance, and power. We must be different from the world by seeing the value in the people that are often cast out.

Getting Started

Toran began Sunday's message about his favorite sneakers. Do you have anything (shoes, clothes, watch, car, etc.) that is your "favorite"? Something that you take special care of?

Read

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Digging Deeper

- David Nystrom says that, "for James, the contrast is stronger than simply between rich and poor; it has to do with those who truly trust in God and with those whose trust in God is mixed with a trust in the standards of the world—standards that are hostile to God and his designs." What do you think about this? How does this impact your reading of the text above?
- Do you expect to be treated better than others and what do you do if you are not?
- The text from this week makes it clear: love has no favorites. When you reflect, what are some ways that you find yourself showing favoritism to others around you? Who do you tend to elevate above others in your treatment?
- Toran closed with some images to help illustrate the way that Jesus' love shows no favoritism (if you missed this, go back and watch the video). What stuck out to you? Is there anyone's feet that you might have a hard time washing?



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