

Welcome

Songs of Worship

The Lord’s Supper

Message with Pastor Pete

James 2:1-13

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Sermon Notes

Starting Out Right!

James 2:1-13 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? 5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? 7 Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

8 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.

“Starting Out Right!”

4 Results of Favoritism	4 Reasons to avoid Favoritism
You discriminate & divide	You become destructive
You become judges	You become damaging
You sin (→convicted)	You dishonor God

How can you eliminate favoritism?

1. By receiving and appreciating:
 - a. Mercy; b. Grace; c. Love
 - You will give Mercy, Grace and Love!
2. By learning to SEE and LOVE like Jesus!

My Application: _____

Next Sunday, Jan 8th at 11:30, we will have a “Meet & Greet/Q&A” time with Tim & Kate Dammer for all that would like to attend. • Congregation Meeting: Sunday, Jan 15th at 11:30 to vote on calling Tim Dammer as a full time Associate Pastor to begin mid-July 2023 and to vote on a proposed renaming of the Deacon Team to the Finance & Facilities Team. This is a bylaw change that requires Congregation approval.