

EVERYDAY FAITH

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF JAMES

Everyday Faith Thinks Well of God



*My brothers, show no partiality as
you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus
Christ, the Lord of glory.*

(v. 1)



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?

(v. 5)

*Give justice to the weak and the
fatherless;
maintain the right of the afflicted
and the destitute.*

*Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the
wicked*

(Ps 82:3, 4)

*. . .he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring
forever. . . .*

(Luke 1:53-55)

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the
captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

(Luke 4:18, 19)



*Are not the rich the ones who
oppress you, and the ones who
drag you into court? Are they
not the ones who blaspheme
the honorable name by which
you were called?*

(vv. 6-7)

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors

(vv. 8,9)



So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

(vv. 12, 13)

We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. . . .

(2 Corinthians 5:6-10)

*If you love me, you will keep my
commandments.*

(John 14:15)

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*For the love of Christ controls us,
because we have concluded this:
that one has died for all, therefore
all have died; and he died for all,
that those who live might no longer
live for themselves but for him who
for their sake died and was raised.*

(2 Corinthians 5:14, 15)





Mr. Rogers

it's you I like.

*The way you are right now,
The way down deep inside
you--*

*Not the things that hide you,
Not your toys--*

They're just beside you.





Rowan Williams

Being where Jesus is means being in the company of people whose company Jesus seeks and keeps. Jesus choose the company of the excluded, the disreputable, the wretched, the self-hating, the poor, the diseased; so that is where you are going to find yourself.