

A Revival Of Our Hearts (7)
Favoritism and Faith Do Not Mix
Cornerstone Church Of Poway
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Big Idea: We need a revival in our hearts and homes that changes our lives.

“Come close to God, and God will come close to you.” **James 4:8a (NLT2)**
Remember Verse

To Stop Showing Favoritism We Must:

1. Love Others Without _____

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to **look after orphans and widows** in their distress and to **keep oneself from being polluted** by the world. **James 1:27 (NIV)**

My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, **don't show favoritism**. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? **James 2:1-4 (NIV)**

“Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are **poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith** and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have **insulted the poor**. Is it not **the rich who are exploiting you**? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong?” **James 2:5-7 (NIV)**

But if you show **favoritism**, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. **James 2:9-11 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

2. Love Others The _____

“If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right.” **James 2:8 (NIV)**

“Jesus replied: ‘Love the **Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘**Love your neighbor** as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” **Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)**

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility **consider others better than yourselves**. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the **interests of others**.” **Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)**

“Therefore **encourage** one another and build each other up...”
1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

Notes: _____

3. Love Others By _____

Speak and **act** as those who are going to be judged by the law that **gives freedom**, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. **Mercy triumphs over judgment!** **James 2:12-13 (NIV)**

“The LORD passed in front of Moses, calling out, “Yahweh! The LORD! The God of **compassion** and **mercy!** I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness. I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations. I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin. But I do not excuse the guilty. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children and grandchildren; the entire family is affected— even children in the third and fourth generations.” **Exodus 34:6-7 (NLT2)**

“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.”
Matthew 6:14-15 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

➤ **Will people come back to our church because of how we treat them?**

I will demonstrate love by:

- Doing something kind without expecting anything in return
- Writing a note of appreciation to someone
- Writing a note to God expressing gratitude for all of His mercy on me
- Accepting Jesus as my Savior and Lord

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

Small Groups: [Choose as many questions that honors your group’s time commitment]

Open in Prayer:

- What thoughts from this week’s message encourages me to live a life for Jesus?

Icebreaker: Share a time when someone showed you mercy.

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Read James 2:1-13

To Stop Showing Favoritism We Must:

1. Love Others Without Expecting Something In Return

Read James 1:27

What should our faith look like?

What is something we can do this week to improve in this area?

Read James 2:1-7

How does our culture show favoritism?

What are some things we hope to receive from wealthy or famous people?

Read James 2:9-11

What is James saying here?

What does all sin have in common?

2. Love Others The Way We Want To Be Loved

Read James 2:8 & Matthew 22:37-40

What is the royal law? How does this express what God wants from us?

Read Philippians 2:3-4

What is this passage asking of us?

Where do we, as a family, need to express interest in each other more?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Who has been a great source of encouragement lately?

Who is needing my encouragement this week?

3. Love Others By Demonstrating Mercy

Read James 2:12-13

What would it look like if God was to show mercy on me the same way I have shown mercy on others?

How does mercy triumph over judgment?

Read Exodus 34:6-7

When you put into account that this is the second “Ten Commandments” because the first were destroyed because of total disregard to Who God is; what do you learn about God’s character in this passage?

Life Application Study Bible. Moses had asked to see God's glorious presence ([33:18](#)), and this was God's response. What is God's glory? It is his character, his nature, his way of relating to his creatures. Notice that God did not give Moses a vision of his power and majesty, but rather of his love. God's glory is revealed in his mercy, grace, compassion, faithfulness, forgiveness, and justice. God's love and mercy are truly wonderful, and we benefit from them. We can respond and give glory to God when our characters resemble his.

Read Matthew 6:14-15

How does our treatment towards others affect our prayers?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.
