

A Revival Of Our Hearts
“Blessings From The Bible”
Cornerstone Church Of Poway
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Big Idea: We need a revival in our hearts and homes that changes our lives.

“So **get rid of** all the filth and evil in your lives, and **humbly accept** the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the **power to save your souls**. But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must **do what it says**. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don’t obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. But **if you look carefully** into the perfect law that sets you free, and **if you do** what it says and don’t forget what you heard, then **God will bless you** for doing it.”

James 1:21-25 (NLT2)

To Be Blessed By God:

1. I Must _____

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James 1:21 (NLT2)

- **Be CLEAN**

“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” **1 John 1:9 (NLT2)**

“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.” **Psalms 1:1-2 (NIV)**

- **Be TEACHABLE**

“The seed that fell on the **footpath** represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and **don’t understand it**. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts. The seed on the **rocky soil** represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. But since they **don’t have deep roots**, they don’t last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God’s word. The seed that fell among the **thorns** represents those who hear God’s word, but all too quickly the message is **crowded out** by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced. The seed that fell on **good soil** represents those who **truly hear and understand** God’s word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!” **Matthew 13:19-23 (NLT2)**

2. I Must _____

“Anyone **who listens** to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately **forgets** what he looks like. But the man who **looks intently** into the perfect law that gives freedom, and **continues to do this**, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does.” **James 1:23-25 (NIV)**

- **READ it.** –

“**looks intently**” **James 1:25a**

“Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.” **Colossians 3:16 (NLT2)**

- **STUDY it.** –

“and **continues to do this**” **James 1:25b**

“Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.” **Joshua 1:8 (NLT2)**

- **APPLY it.** -

“not forgetting what he has heard,
but **doing it**--he will be **blessed** in what he does. **James 1:25 (NIV)**

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.” **Matthew 7:24-25 (NIV)**

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

➤ **What do I need to put into practice?**

My next right step, I will:

- Listen to God’s Word with an open heart
- Reflect on God’s Word by journaling personal application through James
- Act upon God’s word with a willing heart.
- Invite Jesus to be the Lord of my life



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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: What occasions do we look more intently into our mirrors? Why?

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1. I Must Receive God’s Word

- **Be CLEAN**

Read 1 John 1:9

What is something that I need to remove so that I can truly listen to God’s Word?

Read Psalm 1:1-2

What counsel am I around the most? People who follow God or people who mock God?

- **Be TEACHABLE**

Read Matthew 13:19-23

What are the types of soils?

What helps me to have a heart ready to hear God’s word and have it grow?

Read James 1:21 again.

Who plants the Word in our hearts?

How does this encourage me?

2. I Must Reflect & Respond To God's Word

Read James 1:23-25

How does this passage describe how we are to read God's Word?

- **READ it.** - "looks intently" James 1:25a

Read Colossians 3:16

In what ways can I fill my life with God's Word?

- **STUDY it.** - "and continues to do this" James 1:25b

Read Joshua 1:8

Share something I have journaled from the book of James.

- **APPLY it.** -

"not forgetting what he has heard,
but **doing it**--he will be **blessed** in what he does. **James 1:25 (NIV)**

What are some good memory verses that have helped you in the past?

What verse did you wish you learned earlier in your life?

3. I Must Respond To God's Word

Read James 1:22, 25

What are some actionable truths that I can do this week?

Read Matthew 7:24-25

What can I do to help build my foundation better?

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