

**James: A Fruitful Faith**  
**No Favorites in the Family of God**



James 2:1-13

September 28, 2025

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Mercy \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions to think about...**

1. Read James 2:1-13. James warns against showing favoritism. Can you share a time when you noticed favoritism—either in the church, at work, or in another community?
2. Why do you think favoritism is such a common problem for humans, even among believers?
3. Read 1 Samuel 16:7. How do you apply this? How does this challenge the way you view and treat others in your daily life?
4. How might favoritism show up in our church or small group settings today? What are some subtle ways it could sneak in?
5. James 2:5–7 highlights that God chooses the marginalized—how should this shape the way we honor the very people society tends to overlook or dismiss?"
6. James 2:8-11 says we are to "*Love your neighbor as yourself.*" How does favoritism break this law? Can you think of everyday examples where showing partiality could violate this command?
7. Why is it important to apply God's commands consistently in how we treat others, not selectively?
8. What is one concrete way you can show mercy or resist favoritism in your church, workplace, or neighborhood this week?
9. How does remembering that we all stand equally in need of God's mercy (rich, poor, insider, outsider) shape your view of community and your responsibility in it?