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- “If you want to be a **friend of the world**, you make yourself an **enemy of God**” (4:4).



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

James 2:1

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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.**

¹⁴ **What good is it**, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, **what good is that?**

James 2:14–16

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¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will **show you my faith by my works.**

James 2:17–18

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¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is **useless**?

James 2:19–20

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²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was **completed by his works**; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.

²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she **received the messengers** and sent them out by another way?

James 2:24–25

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²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also
faith apart from works is dead.

James 2:26

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We've **proclaimed** our faith, now let's **prove** it.

