

•Make sure that you have \_\_\_\_\_

Real and deep connection to God through Jesus



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## Straight talk about Hypocrisy

James 2

James is the no \_\_\_\_\_ Apostle.

So he \_\_\_\_\_ this crucial issue head on.

### Jesus began the church with a different focus

*Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart and you shall find rest for your souls*

*-Matt 10:28-30*

*A new commandment I give to you that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.*

*-John 13:34,35*

•The Christian was to be the person who lets the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ flow through them to others and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ was to be the collection of these loving people.

•But the \_\_\_\_\_ is that we all have places in our  
life where the love doesn't flow \_\_\_\_\_.

## Issue #1

Let me point out a \_\_\_\_\_ where the love is not flowing. James 2:1-13

### •James 2:1-4

*My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism. For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes, and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, "You sit here in a good place," and you say to the poor man, "You stand over there or sit down by my footstool. Have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives.*

### •Did you know that you may have a blind spot?

What are areas where love does not flow easily through you?

- \_\_\_\_\_: If I were to love you better what would it look like?
- \_\_\_\_\_: What does love look like to my children, to my parents?
- \_\_\_\_\_: What would make the people in the office see me as kind and joyful?
- \_\_\_\_\_: What does love look like as a driver?

### •A reminder to let love flow... James 2:9

-If, however you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, You shall love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing well.

## Issue #2

There is a larger problem with Hypocrisy. James 2:14-26

### •James 2:14

What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him?

•If you have \_\_\_\_\_ of love flowing through your life then maybe you aren't a \_\_\_\_\_.

### •James 2:15

*If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, Go in peace, be warmed and be filled, and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body what use is that? **Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself***

### •The Larger problem with Hypocrisy

There must be some evidence that you have the Love of God within you or whatever kind of "faith" you have it isn't right.

1. If there is fire in the fire place there is \_\_\_\_\_ in the chimney.
2. Real connection with the Vine means that \_\_\_\_\_ will appear.
3. Belief is not enough - \_\_\_\_\_ believe in God. v 19
4. \_\_\_\_\_ believed and put his son on the altar. v21-24
5. \_\_\_\_\_ believed and received the spies and redirected them. v25
6. The body without the soul is dead, faith without works is to. v26