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SERMON TITLE

WHEN FAITH GETS REAL

SERIES

REAL FAITH COSTS

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KEY SCRIPTURE

James 1:19-27

SYNOPSIS

Real faith isn't proven in a crisis — it's proven on an ordinary day, when nothing's testing you at all.

HIGHLIGHTS



BIG IDEA

Real faith isn't proven in a crisis — it's proven on a normal day, when nobody's watching and nothing's on fire.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." (James 1:22)

Notes:

QUICK TO LISTEN

Quick to listen. Slow to speak. Slower to blow up.

Most of our anger is what happens when we skip listening — we hear the first four words and start building our response.

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires." (James 1:19-20)"

Notes:

THE WORD PLANTED

Let the word take root, not just visit.

The word "planted" — *emphytos* (EM-foo-toss) — means implanted, rooted in. Not information you agree with; something that has to take hold.

Get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you." (James 1:21)"

Notes:

THE MIRROR

Nobody actually forgets what they look like right after seeing it. But, that's exactly what we do with the Word — we hear it, nod, and walk out the door unchanged.

"Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror... and immediately forgets what he looks like." (James 1:22-25)"

Notes:



REAL RELIGION

Real religion shows up in who you help — and who you become.

No mention of singing, attendance, or Bible knowledge. Real religion looks like showing up for people who can't repay you, and staying who you are when everything's pulling you somewhere else.

"Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. 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 1:26-27)"

Notes:

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Not "do you believe the right things" — most of us do. The question is whether what you heard on Sunday made it home with you on Tuesday. It's already planted. Now go do what it says.

"Real faith is in actually doing what God says to do!" "If you're gonna talk the talk, you need to walk the walk!"

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