

Emmanuel Prayer Needs

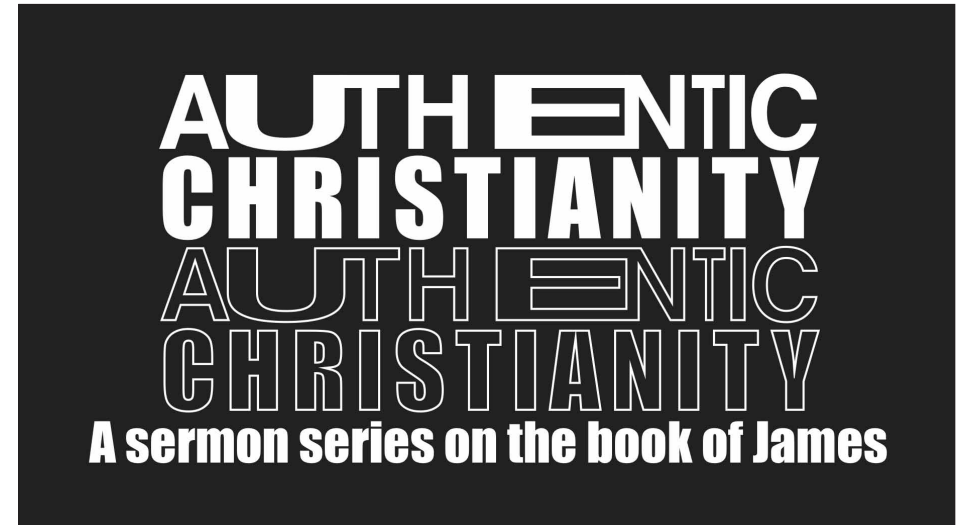
Praying for your unsaved loved ones and friends

That God would:

- Provide them with wisdom before making potentially destructive choices.
- Protect their hearts, minds, and bodies when they make unwise decisions.
- Destroy the enemy's influence in their lives, particularly temptations.
- Bring mature believers into their lives, and empower those people to be effective.
- Open their minds and hearts to the truth of the Good News because -
"By this gospel you are saved" (1 Cor. 15:2)

Study continued

8. Read James 2:8. What is the royal law? (Also read Matthew 22:35-37)
Why is it called the royal law? How does it apply to us today?
9. Read James 2:9-11. What do these verses teach us about the nature of sin?
Why do you think if we commit one act of sin, we are guilty of all?
10. Read James 2:12-13. If we speak and act as those who are going to be judged by law that gives freedom, how will that change the way we live and treat others?
11. Is there anyone in your life that you need to show mercy to? What steps do you need to take? What are the consequences of not showing mercy?

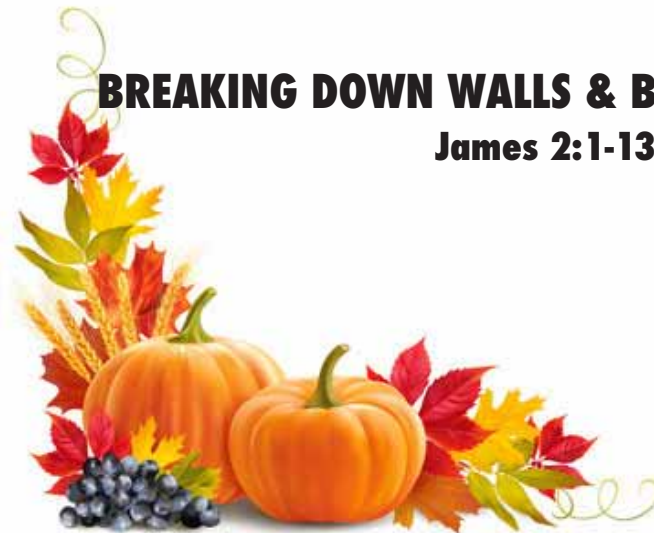


Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

James 2:12-13

BREAKING DOWN WALLS & BUILDING BRIDGES

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Mercy:

MERCY SEES PEOPLE NOT _____ (v.1-4)

James 2:1 My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show _____.

James 2:4 You have become judges with _____

Micah 6:8 What does the Lord require of you?

MERCY REGARDS PEOPLE IN LIGHT OF _____ (v.5-7)

James 2:5 Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to _____ he promised those who love him?

2 Cor 5:16 So from now on we regard no one from a _____ point of view

Jesus broke down the walls and built bridges to God:

John 1:46; 4:9

Luke 10:25-37

Matthew 11:19

MERCY IS LOVE IN _____ (v.8-13)

James 2:8 If you really keep the _____ found in Scripture, "Love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing right.

The Royal Law (Also Matthew 22:37-39):

To be guilty of breaking one law is to be guilty of _____ James 1:9-11

James 2:12-13 Mercy _____ over judgement

1. Define Mercy.

Read James 2:1-13. What does it mean in verse 13, that mercy triumphs over judgement?

2. Read James 2:1-4. In what ways do we see this kind of thing happening in today's society? In what ways do you see this happening personally?

3. James tells us that when we show favouritism, or treat people with disrespect we, "become judges with evil thoughts." Why do you think God regards this as "evil?"

4. Read Micah 6:1-8. The first five verses talk about what God has done for His people. Verses 6-7 are the people's response as to how they think that they should show their gratitude for their deliverance, and the forgiveness of their sin. However, God points out that it's not sacrifices that God wants, He wants a change of heart that results in a change in the way they treat others. Verse 8 tells us God requires of those He has forgiven. Explain.

5. Here are a few of the many ways that God broke down the walls of discrimination:
John 1:46 Where Jesus was born.
John 4:9 The woman at the well.
Luke 10:25-37 The good Samaritan.
Matthew 9:9-13 The calling of Matthew.
What do you think was God's intention in all these things? What does it mean to us personally?

6. Read James 2:5-7. What do these verses teach us about how God views people. These verses don't mean that rich people can't become Christians, James is pointing out that when we show favouritism in this way, we are acting like people in the world, and not like Christ. Why do we do this?

7. In the story of Zachaeus (Luke 19:1-10), the people were shocked and disapproving of Jesus meeting with "sinners." God wants us to break down walls and build bridges to the world, in order to bring the message of God's mercy. Jesus was called a, 'friend of sinners' (Matt 11:19). How do we tend to view people who live and act in a way that isn't godly? What needs to change in order to break down walls and build a bridge to God? (Also read 2 Corinthians 5:16)