



Sermon Title: “James Part II” - Randy Hood

Scripture Reference: James 2-4

Connect: Grow together

- 1- How has God shown up this week in your life?
- 2- What can you be thankful for this week? With the distraction of COVID-19, how can we still seek the Lord?
- 3- How are you doing on your spiritual or personal growth? Did you gain any ground last week?

Deeper: Beyond the message

- 1- What was the main point of the message this week? How would you say it?
- 2- What stood out to you?
- 3- What did the message say about you, God’s people or the world?
- 4- How does this message apply in your life?

Developing Prayer Time

To help you begin to pray: Prayer is connection and communication with The God of the universe. The Holy Spirit (who is also part of God) is with you to help you pray. God’s ultimate goal is relationship with you. He loves you, has forgiven you and wants you to join Him in a daily encounter. **These 12 points of prayer** can be used as a way to spend 1 hour with God. Just use them to allow you to spend time with God. Let Him bless you. Try to love Him as you pray. Love Him with your heart and soul and mind and strength. As you pray **try to have something to write down prayers** and thoughts. Sometimes you will have **thoughts come in**, which have nothing to do with your prayer time other than you might need to pray about that right now. Sometimes your mind will be filled with a **temptation**. Pray about that. Give it to God. If need be ask Him for forgiveness. If you continue to have the same temptation, begin praying for someone’s salvation whenever that same temptation comes back to your mind. Sometimes you may have **something you need to do** that day. Ask God to help you with it, and write it down as something to do, then you can move on.

Praise – Psalms 63:3, Hebrews 12:15
Begin by acknowledging who God is. Think of the attributes of God and tell Him. He is almighty, omnipotent, omnipresent, all knowing, all loving, full of patience and mercy.

Waiting – Isaiah 40:31 This is a time just to be quiet before God. write down thoughts and wait more.

Confession – I John 1:9 Simply ask God to forgive anything that he puts on your mind and heart.

Read the Word – 2 timothy 3:16 Take 5 minutes and read in the New Testament. if you are just starting out, I would encourage you to read in Mark. Use your journal to write down observations and questions and anything God may be telling you.

Intercession – 1 Timothy 2:1-2 This is a time to pray for the needs of others. Pray for salvation, for healing, for help, for wisdom, for strength. Pray for anything for others that God puts on your heart.

Petition – Matthew 7:7, 6:11 Pray for personal needs.

Pray the Word - 2 Timothy 3:16 This is taking a scripture and claiming it before the Lord. Examples I use all the time are Proverbs 3:5-6, Philippians 4:4-16

Thanksgiving – Philippians 4:6, Psalms 100:4 Think of different things in which you can thank God.

Singing – Psalms 100:2 Ephesians 5:19 We have so many songs we can sing to God. If you need ideas, just let us know!

Meditation – Psalms 1:1-2 Christian spiritual meditation is taking a verse, praying it, then claiming it and then imagining it happening as you claim it.

Listening – Ecclesiastes 5:2 Take time now and listen to God. Write down the thoughts that come to your mind. he may be speaking them to you. Always check and make sure they align with the bible. The more you practice this the more you will learn to hear God's voice.

Praise – Matt 6:13, Psalms 100:4 End your time with God praising Him for who He is.

