

JOURNEY THROUGH JAMES-Part 3
“Walk The Talk”
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The BIG Idea:

Genuine faith doesn't just change what I believe– It changes how I live.

1. Am I listening to what God is saying?

James 1: 19-21 – “My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: 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. Therefore, 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.”

Greek words for anger:

Orge’:

- Lingers, builds, or carries a grudge
- Attitude of hostility or resentment
- Like a smothering fire that keeps burning

Thumos:

- Sudden, fiery, outburst of rage
- Flares up quickly and then passes
- Like an explosion

Proverbs 29:11 – “Fools give full vent to their rage, but the wise bring calm in the end.”

Ephesians 4: 25-27 – “Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we’re all members of the same body. ‘In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.’”

Ephesians 4:31 – “Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.”

- **Sometimes the problem isn't that God isn't speaking. The problem is that something in me is keeping me from listening.**

2. Is the Word of God changing me?

James 1:22–“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

- **Knowing what God says is not the same as doing what God says.**

Romans 2:13 (NLT) -- “For merely listening to the law doesn’t make us right with God. It is obeying the law that makes us right in His sight.”

James 1: 23-24– “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, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.”

James 1:25 –“But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it-not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it-they will be blessed in what they do.”

- **It is possible to hear the Word but not be changed by the Word!**

3. Is my life a reflection of God’s Word?

Ephesians 4:21 – “Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from Him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life.....Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes and put on your new nature, created to be like God-truly righteous and holy.”

James 1: 26-27 – “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.”

- **Learn how to control your tongue.**
 - **Psalm 141:3(NLT)** – “Take control of what I say, Lord, and guard my lips.”
- **Show compassion to those in need.**
- **Pursue holiness.**