

James Series Going Deeper

5- Day Devotional

Week 7, Day 4: The Royal Law of Love

Primary Scripture

James 2:8

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Primary Focus Statement

The royal law of God’s kingdom is love, and real faith produces genuine love for others.

Devotional Teaching

James calls this command the “royal law” because it comes from the King Himself.

Jesus taught that loving God and loving people summarize the heart of God’s commands.

This means Christianity is not simply about avoiding sinful behavior. It is about becoming people who genuinely love others.

Favoritism violates this law because favoritism says some people matter more than others.

But biblical love sees people through the lens of the image of God and the mercy of God.

This section also reminds us that God’s law exposes our guilt before Him. James says that even breaking one point of the law reveals that we are sinners in need of grace.

This is important because it destroys self righteousness.

When we truly understand our own need for mercy, it changes how we treat others.

Pride softens.

Judgment softens.

Arrogance softens.

The cross reminds us that every believer stands before God only because of grace.

Reflection Questions

1. **Do I genuinely love people the way Jesus calls me to?**
2. **Have I forgotten how deeply I personally need God’s mercy?**

3. **Is there pride or self righteousness in my heart toward others?**

Action Step

Spend time today thanking Jesus specifically for the mercy and grace He has shown you personally.