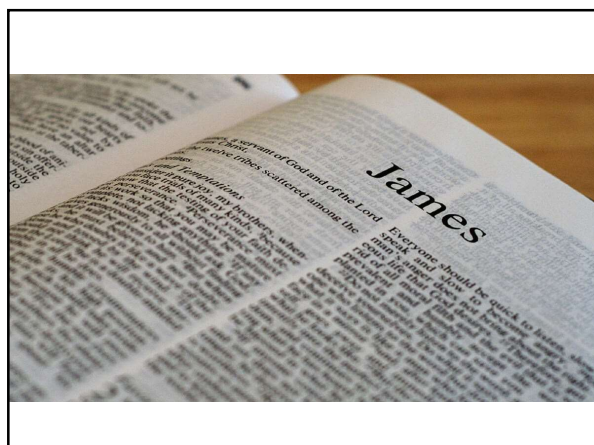


Learning Objectives

1. To provide **handles** to study the Word for **life transformation**
2. To **enjoy learning** and **grow together** in **knowing and pleasing God**
3. To **foster new friendships**



SCHEDULE

No	Date	Topic	Text
1	10-Jul-19	Overview / Trials and Temptations	James 1:1-18
2	24-Jul-19	Doers not Hearers	James 1:19-27
3	14-Aug-19	Do not show favoritism	James 2:1-13
4	28-Aug-19	Faith and Works	James 2:14-26
5	25-Sep-19	Tame our Tongues with Wisdom	James 3:1-18
6	9-Oct-19	Submission to God	James 4:1-12
7	23-Oct-19	Warning for the Proud and Rich	James 4:13-5:6
8	13-Nov-19	Patience in Suffering	James 5:7-12
9	27-Nov-19	Summary / Prayer of Faith	James 5:13-20

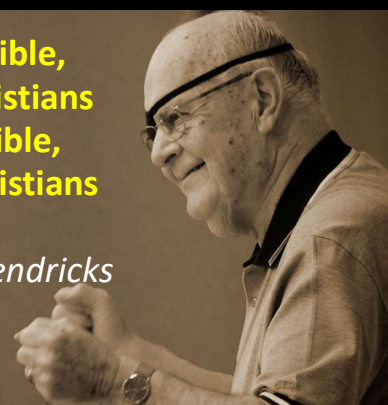
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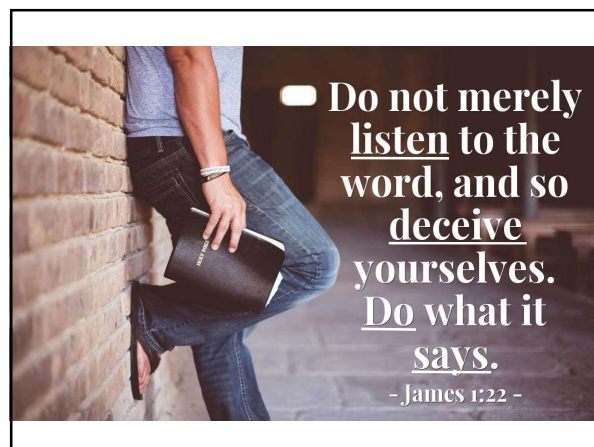
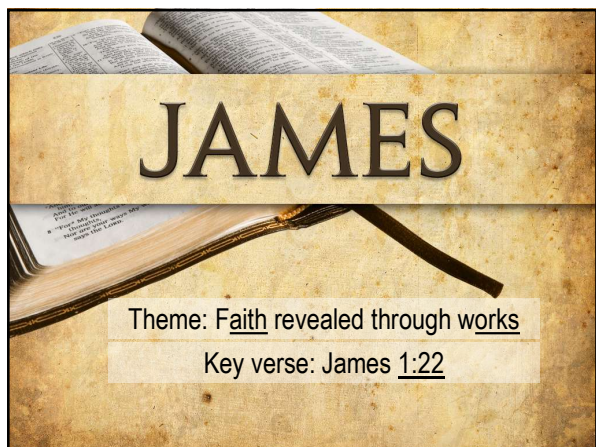
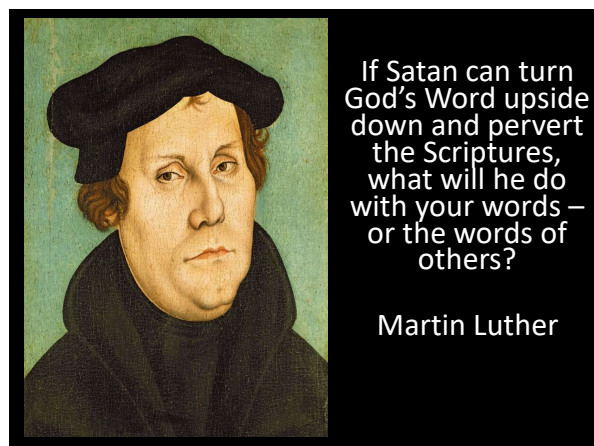
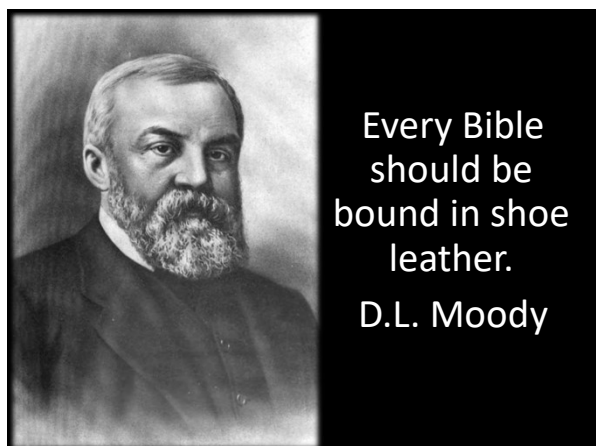
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Howard Hendricks





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James 3:1-18



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James 3:1





3 Levels of Teaching

1. Daily conversations
2. Small group teaching
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James 3:3-5




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James 3:3-5a




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James 3:7-12




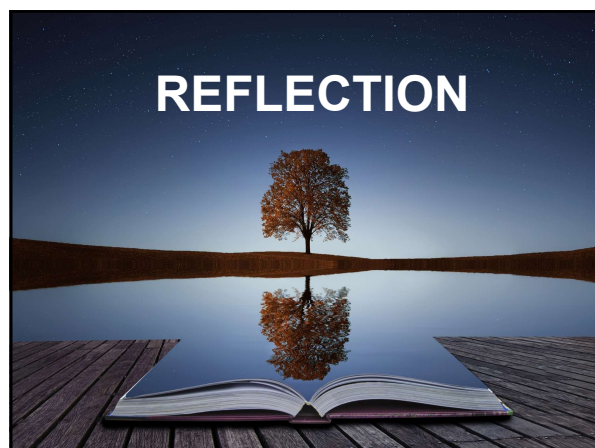

The places we are in should not determine the kind of words we use.



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James 3:6,8

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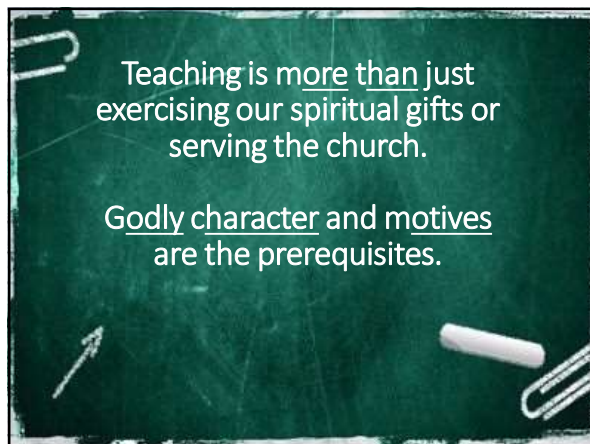
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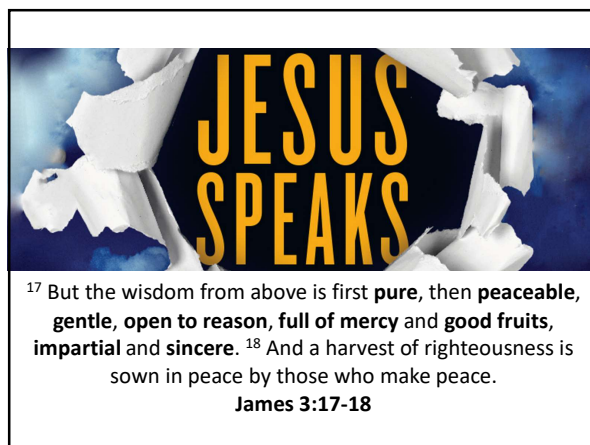
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James 3:15-18

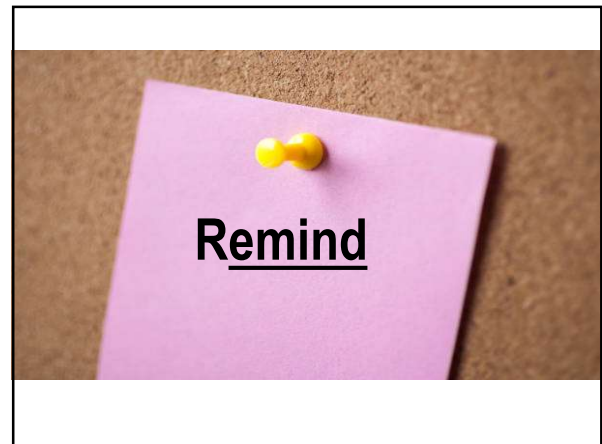
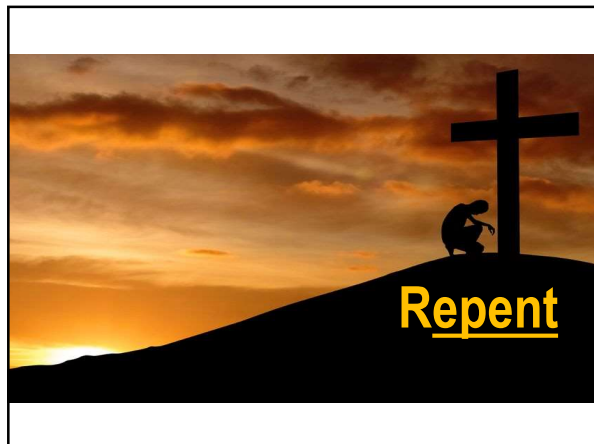


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James 3:17-18


Reflect





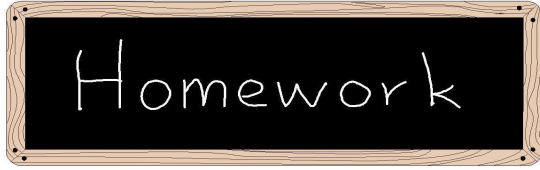
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**STUDY
BEHIND
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STUDY**

- ① Translations
- ② Emphasis
- ③ Use of Pronouns
- ④ Figures of speech
- ⑤ Contrast
- ⑥ Rhetorical questions
- ⑦ Progressive

A desk with a clock, books, and a cup.A chalkboard with the word "Homework" written on it.

1. Read James 3:1-18
2. How do I gain godly wisdom?

See you  **WOW!**
On 9 October 2019