



**Sunday, February 13, 2022**

**Sermon Series:**  
**James: A Practical Faith that Works**

**Title: *Is God My “One and Only?”***

**Text: James 4:4-10**

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**Big Idea:** Believing that happiness can be found in anything other than total faithfulness to God, will derail my joy and purpose.

**Godly actions that build consistent faithfulness to God:**

- 1) Admit that undo attention to the **world** causes unfaithfulness.  
(James 4:4-5 / Jeremiah 2:2 / Exodus 20:2-3 / Jeremiah 3:6)
- 2) Daily seek humble submission before God.  
(James 4:6-10 / Romans 3:11 / Isaiah 66:2 / Colossians 2:6-7)  
Humility means resisting Satan’s temptation to **assert myself**.  
Humility means making God my first **go-to** when I sin.  
Humility means treating my sin as a **malignancy**, not **elective surgery**.
- 3) Trustingly live into God’s grace. (James 4:10 / Galatians 6:14)  
When eternity has arrived for you, which title would you rather bear before Christ? A **performer** or a **believer**?

**Study/Application Questions and Actions:**

- 1) What are some of the obvious “things” people engage in to find hope? Are some of these more common today than in other ages?
- 2) How can believers balance living “in the world,” without becoming “overly friendly” with the sinful culture around them?
- 3) Practicing godly humility will always be difficult. Why? What daily actions could a believer take to make humility a joyful pattern?
- 4) The Bible declares the importance of repentance, but how can a pattern of repentance lead me to greater joy in Christ, instead of depression over my failure?
- 5) How does it work, that as I humble myself before God... I will be raised up in Christ? What does that mean in practical, daily Christian living?