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# HOME BASE

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## WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. James 1:19

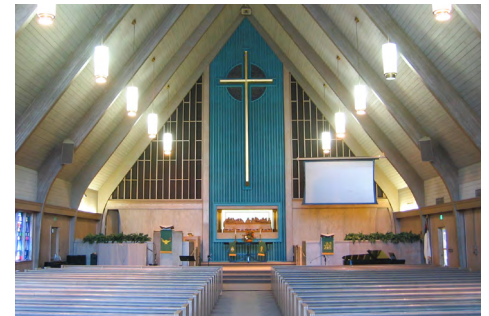


### THIS WEEK'S READING: James 1-5

This week we read the book of James. Watch a summary of James here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qn-hLHWwRYY> (or search on youtube under Bible Project James). Notice how practical James seems!

### SERMON RECAP [Listen to Sermon Online](#)

In Hebrews 11, the writer lists the 'Hall of Fame' of faith. Pastor Greg asked us to reflect on the people in our lives who are in our 'Hall of Fame' of faith. What might you need to do differently to be more faithful?



### James 1-5

How many times have we heard that the axiom "God helps those who help themselves" is a myth and not biblical? With no malice toward those followers of Christ who have enunciated this idea, reading James makes me think the "myth" is a myth.

True, the Bible never explicitly says the words "God helps those who help themselves," but it never directly mentions the Holy Trinity, either, does it?

Consider what James tells us: "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial" (1:12). In other words, the Lord will bless your life (help you) if you battle through hardships (help yourself). Moreover, the entire passage regarding faith and deeds in Chapter 2 underscores this idea. A healthy, living faith in God, James tells us, demands that we sweep into righteous action (2:17). Don't just believe, he's saying, get to work!

Your faithful, hard work will please our Lord, and He will bless your efforts. It's no myth.



### REFLECTIONS: Jens Gregory



# Sunday's Sermon

## Pastor Greg Applequist

**SERMON TEXT - James 1:19-27**

James is a very practical book.

*Which verses are most helpful for you in your life today?*

*Which verses are most challenging?*

*What are three things you feel invited to do differently as a result of reading the book of James?*

## CHURCH UPDATE

We have had two opportunities to interact with the movie "Just Mercy". We want to continue these conversations with two more options. First, we will be replaying our conversation with Dominique Gilliard at some point in the near future. Second, we will be starting a book discussion group around Dominique's "Rethinking Incarceration". If you are interested in either of these options, please contact [Pastor Greg](#) or [Pastor Mary](#).

## PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please let us know of your prayer concerns below.*

## THE DUGOUT: A Place For Kids & Their Families

**July 27: Jacque Torson**

**Memorize:** "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry".  
**James 1:19**

**Activity:** Watch this video and see if you can learn the moves! If you're really brave, post a video to SeeSaw with you doing the whole verse. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5NUHqQj\\_PA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5NUHqQj_PA)

**Coloring Page:** Print out this coloring page.

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15W\\_pU1MSckUt9iJ8aQd8K7O4P1II1rtq?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15W_pU1MSckUt9iJ8aQd8K7O4P1II1rtq?usp=sharing)

While you color it, think about how the person holding the heart is feeling. Have you ever felt that way? Does it make you feel better when someone is there to listen to you? What are some ways you can become a better listener?