

James: A Faith You Can See
Is Jesus Lord of All?
James 4:11-5:6

Is Jesus Lord in your relationships?

When pride is “lord” in relationships the person becomes the judge and avenger over others, vv. 11-12.

To attack others and be their judge is to reject the law of God to be an instrument of His love to others.

When Jesus is Lord in relationships, the person is focused on loving others and trusting in Jesus for protection and judgment if needed, 11-12.

The royal law calls for love for others.

The humble person does not take the role belonging to Jesus to judge and avenge.

Is Jesus Lord of your time?

When pride is “lord”, time is regarded as being used in plans for personal gain and goals, vv. 13-16.

When Jesus is Lord, time is a resource to be used according to His pleasure, vv. 13-16.

The humble person realizes all their tomorrows are in the Lord’s hands.

The humble person realizes God’s will being done is the purpose of time.

The humble person realizes that the purpose of time is to do God’s will.

Is Jesus Lord of your money?

When pride is “lord” of money, the person looks to money for significance and security, vv. 1-6.

For those who are full of pride, a life of self-indulgence is the ultimate life, v. 5.

When Jesus is Lord of money, the humble person is concerned with economic justice and views money as a resource to meet personal needs and to contribute to the harvest God is seeking to bring among the nations of the world through the Gospel, vv. 1-6.

The humble person realizes there is no real security through the accumulation of wealth, vv. 1-2.

The humble person realizes that money must be earned through ways that are just and fair, vv. 4-6.

The humble person realizes that this earth will burn in the fires of judgment, so wealth is a resource to be used for God’s purpose of bringing a harvest of people saved by the Gospel being proclaimed to them.

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We are a caring community of people who believe the Bible is the Word of God and choose to live by its truth.

**Our mission is to know Jesus intimately
and to share His love and truth passionately.**

August 11-12, 2018

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Senior Pastor Byron MacDonald

Following each worship service, members of the prayer team will be available in front of the platform to pray with you and minister to your spiritual needs.

Receivers for the hearing impaired are available from our ushers.

JOIN US NEXT WEEKEND!

SATURDAY: 5pm - Worship Center
SUNDAY: 8 & 9:30am - Worship Center (Choir)
9:30am - 290s
11:15am - Worship Center & 290s

LANGUAGE OPTIONS:

RHCC en Español
Saturday, 5pm, 290s

Japanese Service
Sunday, 11:15am
North Campus Chapel



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ARE YOU NEW TO RHCC? Maybe you've been here a while and want to learn more about us. We invite you to come to our *Connect* lunch on Sunday, August 26 at 11:15 am in the Loft. You will be welcomed by our staff, learn about the church's purpose and priorities, and connect with others who are also exploring the church. Come to the Connect tent on the patio for more info.

For more information about what is going on at RHCC this month, pick up a copy of *What's Happening*.

"I've Got Cancer. Now What?"

Join us in Carlson Hall on Saturday, August 18 from 10 am to noon when we'll hear from Dr. Warren Chow, a member at RHCC and a clinical researcher at City of Hope, along with a panel of experts who will share the latest developments in cancer research, followed by time to ask questions.

Looking for a Preschool?

RHCC has a licensed preschool designed to meet the educational and spiritual needs of children ages 3-5. Visit rhccpreschool.com to learn more and schedule a tour.

Old Fashioned Sing Along Cancelled

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Old Fashioned Sing Along, originally scheduled for August 26, has been cancelled.

Missionary Needs

- The Harkins family (4) is in need of a vehicle to borrow August 7-15.
 - Keith and Florence Gustafson are in need of a place to stay August 25-29.
- If you can help, please contact Nandi at 310.521.5274 or nroszhart@rhcc.net.

We're here for you! The pastoral staff at RHCC is available to help you with your marriage, finances, parenting, emotional issues, or if you are in need of prayer. We can also provide recommendations for Christian counseling services in the South Bay. Contact Pastor Nate Aanderud at 310.521.2565 or naanderud@rhcc.net.

Join Our Children's Ministries Team!

We are looking for over 60 dedicated volunteers to help in our kids classrooms this Fall. You can serve every weekend or just once a month. Come to the patio following services to find out how you can help.

Jobs Available

- Video/Media Coordinator (F/T)
 - Audio Coordinator (F/T)
 - Childcare Worker (P/T)
- Go to RollingHillsCovenant.com/jobs for info.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer Chain: Submit prayer requests to Vicki Hardin at Chaplain_Vicki@aol.com or 310.612.7832, by yellow card or at RollingHillsCovenant.com/prayer.

Need a hospital or home visit? Call the Ministers of Congregational Care at 323.825.9694.

Weekly Giving Report (as of August 5)

Giving goal (6/1/18-5/31/19):	\$7,930,000
Budget Needs YTD:	\$1,155,952
Received YTD:	\$1,363,699
Over/Under YTD:	\$207,747
Needed last week:	\$148,516
Received last week:	\$170,183

Text any amount to 310.307.3661 to give.

The Book of James, this summer, has been powerfully speaking into the everyday, practical expressions of what faith in the Lord Jesus Christ looks like in daily life. James has gotten into trials, temptations, words, attitudes, and discrimination against the poor. This weekend James will get into who is Lord of our relationships, our time, and our money. He keeps helping us in understanding that there is a war going on inside us that is seeking to destroy the work of God in us, James 4:1. We also have the Holy Spirit striving in passionate love for our spirit to be joined to God in relationship, common purpose and mission.

James, in helping us understand the battle within us, has kept using the contrast of the proud vs. the humble. Pride, putting ourselves before God and others, is the common root in life to things going badly. I shared last week a confession of pride to us in a book by Beth Brown titled *Praying God's Word*. I got so many comments and requests for how pride describes itself, I thought it worth sharing in this week's Chat.

My name is pride. I am a cheater.

I cheat you of your God given destiny – because you demand your own way.

I cheat you of contentment – because “you deserve much better than this.”

I cheat you of knowledge – because you already know it all.

I cheat you of healing – because you're too full of me to forgive.

I cheat you of holiness – because you refuse to admit when you are wrong.

I cheat you of vision – because you'd rather look in the mirror than out of the window.

I cheat you of genuine friendship – because nobody is going to know the real you.

I cheat you of love – because romance demands sacrifice.

I cheat you of the greatness of heaven – because you refuse to wash another's feet.

I cheat you of God's glory – because I convince you to seek your own.

My name is pride. I am a cheater. You like me because you think I'm always looking out for you. Untrue, I'm looking to make a fool of you. God has so much for you I admit, but don't worry ... if you stick with me you'll never know.

The Bible teaches, and life teaches, that of all the burdens a person could carry in life, pride is the heaviest, the cruelest, and the one that is guaranteed to bring self-defeat. I remember reading about a group of doctors who were having lunch together in a hospital cafeteria. One of the doctors quietly got up from the table and went into the hallway where he died. It turned out he had a piece of food lodged in his throat. Rather than getting the help that would have saved his life, he lost it trying to solve the problem himself. As we look at that burden of pride, we hear the invitation of Jesus calling us to lay down that burden and give our lives to Him and His salvation, care, guidance, and help. The Lord Jesus put it this way, *“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light”*, Matthew 11:28-30. May God grant you and me that rest, as we lay down the burden of pride.

Pastor Byron welcomes your questions/comments at bmacdonald@rhcc.net