

James 1:19-25

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Notes

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

- 1. Have you ever lowered your standards at work or school because you were going through a tough season? What did it feel like to do that?
- 2. What do you think of James not giving the suffering Christians he's writing to "the hug and shrug" treatment? How might his words have felt to them?
- 3. Based on today's verses, why does James want his readers to be "doers of the word"?
- 4. What's one practical way you could respond to this week's passage in James?

Family Business

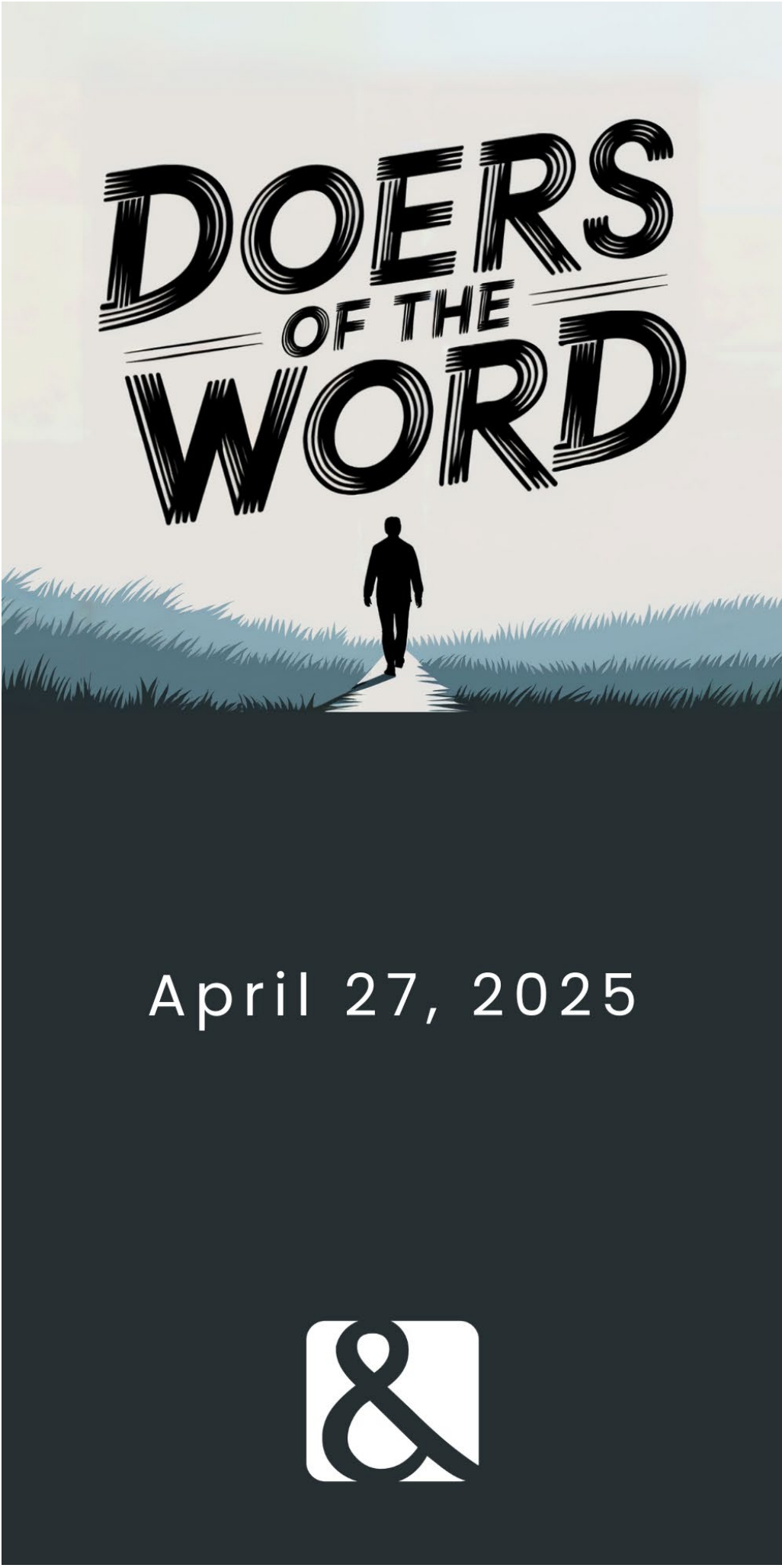
Upcoming:

- Sunday 4/27
- 8:45 am – Service / Sanctuary
 - 9:00 am – Packing College Blessings Bags / Fellowship Hall
 - 9:45 am – Service / Multi-Purpose Room
 - 11:00 am – Service / Sanctuary
 - 6:00 pm – Aaron Huffman Recital / Sanctuary
- Monday 4/28
- 12:00 pm – Binnie Clements Guild Brown Bag Luncheon / Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday 4/29
- 6:30 pm – Men's Bible Study / Room 015
- Wednesday 4/30
- 6:00 pm – Adult Pickleball / Gym
 - 6:15 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal / Bell Choir Room
 - 6:30 pm – Youth Encounter / Youth Lounge
 - 7:15 pm – Men's and Women's Chorus / Choir Room
- Thursday 5/1
- 11:00 am – Prayer Meeting / Chapel
 - 1:00 pm – Sally Flanders Memorial Service / Sanctuary, Gathering Space
 - 1:00 pm – Redemptive Remembering / Room 020
 - 6:00 pm – Studio Night / 3rd Floor
- Friday 5/2
- 12:00 pm – Women's Table Talk / Room 114

Studio Night: On Thursday, May 1st, from 6 pm – 7:30 pm on the 3rd floor, bring your sketchbook, guitar, journal, or just yourself and make art and connect with others in a relaxed, creative space.

Redemptive Remembering: One of the important tasks of our later years is the work of remembering. As we read in the Psalms, “I consider the days of old, the years long ago.” (Psalm 77:5). Join Pastor Don Everts every Thursday in May (from 1:00-2:00 PM in Room 020) to learn about these biblical lenses on remembering - and to try them out! (No prior experience with writing required - just a willingness to use each week's prompt to help you remember and a desire for God to be in the remembering with you.)

New to First & Calvary? We're glad you're here! Please pick up a gift bag to learn more about us at the exits. Please sign the Friendship Pad in your pew so we can connect. Kids are always welcome in worship! Worship bags are at each entrance. Parents may use the Baby Break Room or the nursery on the first floor. Children ages 3 through 3rd grade may join Worship and Wonder after the Children's Message—check in near the front left sanctuary exit.



The House of Prayer

Prelude

Call to Worship | Miles Stamper Rick Uffmann

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.

All: Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.

Let us worship the Spirit,
the holy fire, who renews us.

To the one true God be praise
in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.

*Opening Hymn

77 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

Music: Erneuernten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665

Confession of Sin

Father God, you come to us in the everyday. You give us your Word and
your Spirit that we might hear your voice, and follow your ways. We
confess that we have neglected your words to us and pretended that you
are not even in the room. Hear our confession, help us to listen, to see,
and to live as you have called us to live.

Hymn 817

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Words: Based on Psalm 143:1

Music: George Whelpton

Declaration of Forgiveness

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
we are assured that there is no sin so terrible
that God cannot forgive,
no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.
God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.
Receive the forgiving love of God.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 805

Glory Be to the Father

Words: Gloria Patri

Music: Henry Greatorex

Time for Children | Rev. Don Everts

Jesus Loves Me

Oh How I Love Jesus

Children who have checked into Worship & Wonder may be released after this time.

Scripture | James 1:19-25

See Scripture Panel

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon | Rev. Don Everts

Follow Jesus With Your Actions

Confession of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

Hymn No. 14

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And
lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory | Bell Choir

Let All Things Now Living

Music: Kathy Moglebust

*Doxology

Hymn 809

*Offering Prayer

*Closing Hymn

669 God of Grace and God of Glory

Words: Harry E. Fosdick, 1930, alt.

Music: John Hughes, 1907

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

840 God Be With You

Words: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880, alt.

Music: William G. Tomer, 1880

*Postlude