

# Authenticity

July 9th, 2023

## James 1:1-26 - James challenges the Jewish believers

**vs.22** "But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise you are only fooling yourselves."

*Too often we think we're "putting on a good face" for the world, but the world sees through it and we only deceive ourselves!*

**vs.26** "If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself and your religion is worthless."

**Romans 7:15-19** "I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead I do what I hate... I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't, I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway..."

**There is a war going in your mind... covering it up doesn't help us to win it!**

**vs.24-25** "Oh what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord."

## 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 - Pauls thorn in the flesh

**vs.9** "Each time he said "My grace is all you need, my power works best in weakness" So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses..."

**vs.10 (ESV)** "For the sake of Christ then, I am content with weaknesses..."

**Philippians 3:12** "I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things... but I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me."

### Core Value

"What you see is what you get. We believe Jesus' strength is made perfect in our weakness and we are not afraid to boast about them."

**NEXT STEPS Session 2 during the message today!** Join Learn more about our church and how to get connected by taking Next Steps. Even if you missed session 1, you can jump in today with session 2.

**ENCASA NEWSLETTER Signup to Receive** Our NTC Family church in Cali, Colombia now has a newsletter to keep you up to date on the Wardenaar family and EnCasa. Scan the QR code to sign up!



*this week...*

**CLEAN UP DAY & VBS PREP TODAY from 11am-1pm** Stay after the service to help us spruce up our facilities and finish preparing for VBS.

**CROSS CURRENT Service Tonight @ 6pm** Our 7th-12th graders gather each Sunday for a service specifically for their age group!



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Starts Tomorrow at 6pm** It is not too late to register your kids for VBS or sign up to serve. Scan the QR code to the left or go to the ChurchCenter APP to learn more.

**PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY Friday at 9:30am** Pray for our nation together every Friday morning here at the church.

**MENS GROUP Saturdays at 8am** All men are invited to this weekly group that meets here at the church on Saturday mornings!

**LOVE MASSENA Saturday from 11am-3pm at Alcoa Park** Sign up as you leave to serve and bless our community at this yearly event.

**FAMILY FUN DAY Next Sunday after the service** We will be providing hamburgers & hotdogs but you can bring salads and watermelon to share. And sign up help with the setup & cleanup crew.

*coming up...*

**THE KING'S BRASS August 3rd at 7pm** We are hosting Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass for an evening of sacred patriotic music. The cost is \$10 at the door and all proceeds go to local charities.

**SENIORS GATHERING August 6th at noon** Sign Bruce Beckstead is calling all seniors to gather at a park after the service on August 6th to talk about what we can do together. Stay tuned for more information!

**CROSS CURRENT SUMMER CAMP August 14th-18th** Our teens are headed back to Cape Cod this summer. You can get more information and register them by scanning the QR code to the right or going to the ChurchCenter App.



**WATER BAPTISMS August 20th at the river!** After the service on August 20th we will head to the river to stand with some folks as the follow Jesus in being water-baptized. There will be a class at 8am that morning to learn more. Sign up at the Connect Area in the lobby to be baptized!

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