



Series Overview (designed for September)

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, insisted that Christian faith was more than just a set of beliefs or a feeling. Faith changes our lives and results in faithful action in the world. The New Testament letter of James gives the same message. This series will look at John Wesley's General Rules in connection with readings from James to show how our faith can come to life in all that we say and do.

(Note: This series follows the epistolary readings from the Revised Common Lectionary for Sept. 5- Sept. 26, 2021 [Year B]).

Week 1: Genuine Faith

Scripture: James 2:1-7, 14-17

Genuine faith not only affects personal existence, but also produces change in the world.

Week 2: Do No Harm

Scripture: James 3:1-12

Words hold the power of life and death. What you say matters: speak life and back up your words with actions.

Week 3: Do Good

Scripture: James 3:13-18, (4:1-3)

God's wisdom is pure, peace-loving, gentle at all times and willing to yield to others.

Week 4: Stay in Love with God

Scripture: James 5:13-20

Being in love with God isn't about getting what we want; it's all about relationship.