**“JUST DO IT!”**

 **James 1:19-27**

***Sermon Review***

*What was the Main Point of the Sermon from Sunday?*

*What were are the three things we must “BE” to receive the Promise:*

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*What part of the sermon did you find most beneficial?*

***SMALL GROUP LESSON***

1. Who do you admire as a religious or spiritual role model?

1. How does it affect you when a person is caught doing what he or she tells others not to do?

**James 1:19-25 (NLT)**
19  Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.
20  Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.
21  So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.
22  But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.
23  For if you listen to the word and don’t obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror.
24  You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.
25  But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don’t forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

***EXPLORE***

* + 1. What instruction did James give about the relationship between speaking, listening, and anger? ([1:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jas+1%3A19))
		2. What should a Christian clean out of his or her life? ([1:21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jas+1%3A21))
		3. What is the relationship between listening to God’s Word and doing it? ([1:22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jas+1%3A22))
		4. What analogy did James use to describe a person who does not do what the Bible says? ([1:23-24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jas+1%3A23-24))
		5. What promise did James give to the person who studies God’s Word and practices it? ([1:25](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jas+1%3A25))

***APPLY***

1. What role should God's Word play in our pursuit of Christlikeness?
2. Why do you think so many professing Christians struggle to find time for God's Word? Is it a problem of discipline or desire? Or both?
3. What does it say about our hearts that we often find it difficult to listen instead of expressing our opinion?
4. How does a heart bent on sin affect the way we receive God's Word? How have you seen this play out in your own life?
5. Explain this statement: the Word that requires obedience empowers obedience.

**HOMEWORK:**

*List some areas of your life where you've said you're willing to obey, but you're not actively obeying. How will you move forward in these areas?*

**Additional Thoughts:**

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