



Rule of Faith June 26, 2022

Speaker: Pastor Nina Schmidgall

Scripture: James 1:19-27

Sermon Overview: Faith is as faith does! James 2 exhorts the reader that a true faith will be evident by the way one's life is lived. Our active faith is our testimony. It is the way we live our love that testifies to Christ! Faith that works is a faith...that works!

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What are the rules (core beliefs, values, and practices) you want to live your life by?
2. How does the quote from G.K Chesterton impact you? *"The more I considered Christianity, the more I found that while it established a rule and order, the chief aim of that order was to give room for good things to run wild."*

Sermon Specific Questions:

1. Pastor Nina said "James wrote and approached the book with authenticity." This authentic approach to his writing and underlying theme of the book can be encapsulated in the action prompting motto "Just do it!" The book of James offers practical ways to live as a Christian—showing us how to turn right doctrine into right living. Similar to the motto "Just do it," do you have a life motto or slogan that prompts you to take action? If you don't have a motto, what teaching from the book of James can help you develop a Rule of Life?

This should be written down and visible in your day to day, serving as a reminder to not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourself, but to do what it says (James 1:22).

2. Faith is always tied to an active trust in God and his Word. In Hebrews 11 we see several examples of how faith was always followed by action. Can you think of a time when your faith promoted action on your part which led to a blessing of deliverance, miracle, or fulfilled promise? Did this “active faith” cost you something?
3. “Testimony is prophecy.” How has your testimony served as a prophetic encouragement for someone else?
4. True biblical faith is evidenced by fruit. In what ways are you seeing the fruit of your faith?

Digging Deeper:

- Watch [The Bible Project’s “Shema-Listen” video](#) for a deep dive into the various Hebrew meanings of Shema.
- Visit ncc.re/ruleoflife to download a sketch of the sermon created by The Sketch Effect.
- Read the book of James and highlight revelations you can apply to your life.

Practical Application:

- Learn how to create your own Rule of Life: Online Masterclass June 28 and July 12. This 2-session online class will teach you how to create your own personal or family Rule of Life. Sign up at ncc.re/masterclass.
- Tune in to NCC Daily—Deep-dive the book of James through short teachings M-F. Get NCC Daily on our app or at ncc.re/daily.
- Join a small group ncc.re/groups to discover ways you can use your talents and passions to serve the various church campuses in-person and online.
- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).
- Join our Main Upper Zoom online prayer group on Wednesdays and our new Upper Zoom Prayer Pods on other days. Main Upper Zoom: Wednesday mornings, 7:14am ET ncc.re/upperzoom. Upper Zoom Prayer Pods meet at different times and days during the week. Go to ncc.re/prayerpods to sign up.
- Join us on Thursdays at the Capital Turnaround for House of Prayer: ncc.re/houseofprayer.