

STAGING LOVE! Embodying Grace!

Oakwood
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Stage Directions:

James the Stage

God is Staging His Love on many different platforms; Oakwood Baptist is one of them. God is not indifferent to how we play our roles. So, God sends us His stage directions through assistant directors he has chosen; James, the Lord's brother is one of them. James writes down the directions OBC needs to stage Cross Theatre. They do not, actually originate with him but come from God Himself, the Playwright and Producer. One day we will all appear before God to have our performance judged and rewarded. God is speaking to us and directing our performance so that we can show and share His Love.

Sermon Series

Staging God's Love:

- ...Under Trials, Jas. 1:1-18
- ...By the Book, 1:19-27
- ...Without Prejudice, 2:1-13
- ...Through Working Faith, 2:14-26
- ...By Tongue Taming, 3:1-12
- ...Around Peacemaking, 3:13-18
- ...Under Authority, 4:1-12
- ...Amid Contingencies, 4:13-17
- ...Against Consumerism, 5:1-6
- ...With Patience, 5:7-12
- ...In Prayer, 5:13-20

The book of James is not some helpful information to learn and then store away in your memory. Instead, give God your full attention and trust the Holy Spirit to open your understanding to really embody this in your life, your family, your community, and your church. If you don't, "Do It!" you're not really listening to God.

Read God's Word

You can't Stage God's Love if you don't follow His stage directions. You can't follow them if you haven't read them. So, read James with your family after dinner. Listen to it on your iPhone coming home from work. Read it in different versions. Read it out loud in a secluded place. Just Read It!

Memorize the book of James

Memorization of Scripture is "...Hiding God's Word in your heart." There are three different ways you can commit together with others at OBC to memorize this Scripture.

Plan A: Memorize the book with
Pastor Gary.

Plan B: Memorize some key sections of James:

- Jas. 1:13-15 Jas. 1:19-25
- Jas. 2:14-19 Jas. 3:13-18
- Jas. 4:4-10 Jas. 5:13-16