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not a _____ writing to _____ church.

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Chapter 2: _____

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Chapter 4: _____

Chapter 5: _____

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Our good works don't **EARN** our salvation; they **CONFIRM** our salvation.

Faith **ALONE** saves us, but a saving faith is never **ALONE**.

This is not a **CHECKLIST** on how to be saved; it is a **GUT CHECK** on if we are truly saved.

Food for Thought for the week of August 22, 2021

(Readings and questions for the further study of the Book of James)

The Food for Thought this week is designed to be used along with the Daily Dose. Visit northcoastchurch.com/dose for details to subscribe to this free video devotional.

Day 1 – Read Chapter 1: Trials, Wealth & The Word

Chris encouraged each of us to identify the biggest role in our lives right now (father, husband, employee, etc.) and read through James with that filter in mind. Ask yourself, “How does what James wrote apply to me in this area?”

Day 2 – Read Chapter 2: Favoritism & Genuine Faith

In today’s Daily Dose, Chris focused on not just listening to the Word but doing what it says (James 1:22-25). He strongly suggested we search our lives to see if there are any areas where we’ve been convicted in the past to change but we haven’t done anything about it. He said we need to be honest and not keep deceiving ourselves in that area. What’s your area?

Day 3 – Read Chapter 3: The Tongue & True Wisdom

James talks about the power of the tongue for good or harm. Luke 6:45 tells us, “The mouth speaks what the heart is full of.” What would you conclude about what is in your heart from the words that came out of your mouth this past week?

Day 4 – Read Chapter 4: Worldliness

James talks about our lives being a mist that is only temporary. He cautions us not to make plans as if life depends only on us. How do you balance the need to plan for tomorrow while at the same time humbly acknowledging that we aren’t guaranteed tomorrow?

Day 5 – Read Chapter 5: Riches, Patience & Prayer

We seldom think anything written about rich people applies to us since we’re not rich. Yet Chris has pointed out numerous times in past sermons that if we live in America, we are rich compared to the rest of the world. With that understanding in mind, what catches your attention in 5:1-6 about wealth?