Every Day Application: James 1 verses 19 to 27

In our series on Everyday People we have been asking God how we can move in step with what He is doing here on earth. James captures all that we have looked at. He makes it clear that faith "that is believing" is not our goal. Our goal is through that faith to have a relationship with the Living Creator God. And through that relationship to demonstrate our awe, reverence and submission to Jesus as our King.

How easy do you find it to let Jesus be your King? How is it working out for you?

What do you need from Jesus to help you grow to be more like Him? Why not ask Him now? It maybe appropriate to pause and pray for each other.

James makes it clear if we do not submit to Jesus our Faith is empty, we deceive ourselves. But good news is found in James 1: 16 to 18. Read together.

Read it again maybe in a different translation with this question "What is God saying to me through these verses?

This is Good News - God got James to pen these words to encourage us in our Faith. In verse 25 He goes onto outline if we are doing what God is asking us to do we will be blessed. Does anyone have any stories of how God has blessed them recently as they have followed God's leading?

At the end of the Chapter (verses 26 & 27) James outlines how we demonstrate the character of God in our lives. Are there times you struggle to keep a tight rein on your tongue?

How are you doing in looking after the orphans and the widows?

As we approach Christmas who has God impressed upon your hearts and minds? Share names with the group. Ask the group to pray with you for these individuals. Maybe as a group keep this list and come back to it regularly to pray persistently but also to share how God is working in the lives of those the group are praying for.

Are there people you are praying for that maybe we ask to come along either to the Life Group or a Sunday Gathering?

At this season of waiting and watching comes with expectant and open hearts.