

JUST DO IT: Putting Faith in Action

“A Seat at the Table”

⁴⁶ “Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. **“Can anything good come from Nazareth?”** John 1:46 (NLT)

¹ My dear **brothers** and **sisters**, how can you **claim to have faith** in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you **favor some people over others**? James 2:1 (NLT)

² For example, suppose someone comes into your **meeting** dressed in **fancy clothes and expensive jewelry**, and another comes in who is poor and **dressed in dirty clothes**. James 2:2 (NLT)

³ If you give **special attention** and a **good seat** to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, “You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor”—well, ⁴ doesn’t this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by **evil motives**? James 2:3-4 (NLT)

⁵ Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn’t God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren’t they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you dishonor the poor! Isn’t it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court? ⁷ Aren’t they the ones who slander Jesus Christ, whose noble name you bear? James 2:5-7 (NLT)

⁸ Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: **“Love your neighbor as yourself.”**

⁹ **But if you favor some people over others**, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law. ¹⁰ For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God’s laws.

James 2:8-10 (NLT)

TRUE FAITH MANDATES THERE BE A SEAT FOR EVERYONE AT THE TABLE