

# MESSAGE NOTES

THE BOOK OF JAMES - FAVORITISM FORBIDDEN - CHAD FISHER

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show **favoritism**. Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because **judgment** without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment. **James 2:1, 12-13**

If we're not **BECOMING** more like Jesus every day as we reach people who don't yet know Him, we are the blind leading the blind.

Favoritism is a form of **JUDGMENT** by which I categorize and separate those who are **WORTHY OF MERCY** from those who are not.

God's only motivation is **LOVE** and He **LOVES** everybody.

## Four Decisions - Mercy Over Judgment

① I choose to **SEE** and **VALUE** people as does God.

Every person created by God is a **BEARER** of the image of God and is **WORTHY** of honor, respect and love.

② I choose to **ACCEPT** people as does God.

③ I choose to **FORGIVE** people as does God.

④ I choose to **GET CLOSE** to people as does God.

### OTHER SCRIPTURE REFERENCED:

James 1:4, 2:1-13, 5:16; 1 John 3:15; Matthew 7:1-3, 6:15; John 5:7, 16:33, 3:16-17  
Isaiah 57; Jeremiah 1:5; Philippians 2:3; Mark 12:31; Romans 15:7, 12:19

TO REACH THE UNCHURCHED AND AWAKEN THE SPIRITUALLY RESTLESS TO BECOME FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS