

## SERMON NOTES

### **“Not limited by your limitations” | Pastor Matthew Ruttan December 6, 2020 – Westminster Church, Barrie – Live Stream**

This sermon is Part 10 and the final instalment of a teaching series on the book of James called “Down-To-Earth.” Today is a review of key verses. Make sure to have your Bible with you. Don’t be afraid to take notes of insights you have about the text.

Pastor Brady Boyd said, “We’re into microwaving when God’s into \_\_\_\_\_.”

As we proceed, remember this question that Pastor Ruttan invited you to keep in mind. Start to think about how you might answer at the end of the sermon. “What is a key insight or learning that you have taken from the book of James which has been helpful or illuminating to you personally?”

James 1:2 says: “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.” Trials don’t define you; they \_\_\_\_\_ you.

James 1:22 says: “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” Pastor Ruttan said that God’s instructions to us about how to live are not something he does TO us but FOR us. What did he mean by that?

James 2:26 says: “As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.” List a loving “deed” you are doing for someone else this December.

James describes godly wisdom in 3:17: “But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.” Wisdom is more than just stuff you know; it’s who you’re known to be. Name someone from your own life (past or present) who demonstrated or demonstrates that kind of wisdom?

James 4:8 says: “Come near to God and he will come near to you.” List a few ways that we “come near” to God?

James 5:16 says: “The prayer of a righteous person is \_\_\_\_\_.”

What is a key insight or learning that you have taken from the book of James which has been helpful or illuminating to you personally?

Pastor Ruttan said that God is not limited by your limitations. In a challenging chapter of life such as this, why is that good news?