

A DEVOTIONAL FROM IFCA

The Danger of the “Double-soul”

James wrote his letter to former members of the Jerusalem church who were scattered elsewhere due to persecution. Written about 15 years after Jesus’ resurrection, this is probably the earliest book of the New Testament. That is why James refers to his readers as “firstfruits” (1:18). Being the first representatives of Christ in pagan lands, it was vital for them to confront the kingdom of this world rather than becoming friends with it (4:4). They were unhappy about leaving home, extended family, and nice jobs (some becoming entry-level farm hands, 5:1–6). They had plenty of excuses to live for themselves: severe trials (1:2–12), alluring temptations (1:13–18), the desire to rebuild their own kingdoms (4:13–17), severe oppression (5:1–6), painful suffering (5:7–12), and debilitating illnesses (5:13–18).

James, a loving pastor burdened for these dear people, wrote his letter to confront the core issue in their lives: being “double-souled” (literal Greek, 1:8 and 4:8). Instead of drawing strength from the “Word” (1:18), “grace” (4:6), and “prayer” (5:16), too many gave into partiality (2:1–13), callousness toward the needs of others (2:14–26), sins of the tongue (3:1–12), selfish ambition (3:13–18), and covetousness (4:1–4). Through Christ they had all the power needed to be single-souled, that is, people who love God with all their hearts. Instead, many were trying to walk both “ways” (1:8)—the ways of righteousness and wickedness (Psalm 1). They were like a “wave of the sea” driven by the “wind” of trial back-and-forth between the old and new natures (1:6–8). James encouraged them—and us—to become like God who doesn’t even vacillate as slightly as a shadow on a sunny day (1:17).

Dr. Curtis Lamansky, Pastor of Immanuel Bible Church
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MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

| | Income & Expenses | Actual | Budgeted |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| March | Giving Income | \$ 15,351.00 | \$17,916.67 |
| | Expenses | \$ 35,222.01 | \$35981.66 |
| Year to Date | Giving Income | \$ 45,365.97 | \$53,749.97 |
| | Expenses | \$ 117,229.09 | \$ 107,945.06 |

A detailed accounting of all expenses as well as additional income & operating funds are available to CBC members upon request. Please see Selina for a copy.



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THE LORD’S DAY April 23, 2023 – 11:00 AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

Scripture & Prayer

Romans 8:14-30, *Pastor Scott Bashor*

Worship through Song

“Knowing You”

“I Worship You, Almighty God” #143

Congregational Greeting

Announcements

Missions Focus: Brian Opre (Serving the Lord in Italy with ABWE)

Peter Ellis

Worship through Song

“Just As I Am (I Come Broken)”

Worship through the Preached Word

“A Parable of Polar Opposite Prayers,” Luke 18:9-14

Pastor Edward Caballero

Worship through Song

“As You Go”

Parents, please pick up your children promptly from Children’s Church.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:45 AM – Bible Classes for Adults, Teens, and Children
11:00 AM – Morning Worship Service
6:00 PM – Evening Worship Service
Pastor Scott will Introduce a New Series on Psalm 119, "God's Golden Alphabet" (part 2)

THIS NEXT WEEK

Wednesday

- Midweek Prayer (Bilingual), 6:30 PM
- Midweek Bible Studies, 7:00 PM

Sunday

- Bible Classes for Adults, Teens, and Children, 9:45 AM
- Morning Worship Service, 11:00 AM (no children's church)
- Evening Worship Service, 6:00 PM

UPCOMING

April 28-29 – Faithful Men Retreat (IFCA SoCal event at Ironwood). Register at www.ifcasocal.org/events

May 13 – Fullness of Joy Ladies Conference (IFCA SoCal event at Mission Bible Church). Register at www.ifcasocal.org/events

May 14 – Mother's Day Breakfast (Husbands and Volunteers Sign up on Google Docs or in the Lobby)

GIVING

You can give to the Lord's work by:

- **The Collection Boxes** in the back of the Chapel and Fellowship Hall
- **PayPal** on our church's website, www.Community-Bible.com
- **Mail** to Community Bible Church, 2930 W. Ball Rd, Anaheim, CA 92804

CAMPUS NEEDS

If you see something around campus that needs repair or attention, please email Deacons@Community-Bible.com or see one of our deacons: Bob Huber, Paul Taylor, George Nelson.

MISSIONS FOCUS

Brian Opre, (Serving the Lord in Italy with ABWE)



The Lord has blessed Brian's furlough, and in 2 short weeks, he will be returning to Italy. Upon his arrival He will be moving from Perugia to Caselle in the suburbs of Turin. Praise God that he has been able to receive full support from financial partners. The ministry of ABWE is going through a time of transition from colleagues retiring and other colleagues such as Brian, stepping in to fill in as replacements. Pray for a smooth return to Italian life and culture, and transition.

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AVAILABLE LITERATURE



Available in the foyer are the latest issues of **Chera Fellowship** (IFCA's magazine for widows), **Voice** (IFCA's Independent Church Journal for everyone),

IFCA INTERNATIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS

...what you have heard from me entrust to faithful men
FAITHFULMEN
— 2 Timothy 2:2 —

Men's Retreat, April 28 - 29



Women's Conference, May 13

