

**Sermon Series:** Father's Day Standalone/ Faith that Works | Week #5

**Sermon Title:** Father's Day, James 4:1-12

**Getting Started:**

Share your most life-giving moment this week?

Share a frustration from this week?

**Scripture Reflections:**

- Using your own words, restate the passage in a sentence or two.
- What is the context of the scripture passage?
- What universal principles or truths are in this scripture passage?

**Sermon Reflections:**

- What section of the sermon connected with you the most?
- Was there anything new or surprising to you in the sermon?
- How does the scripture and the sermon relate to your current life experience?

**Application:**

- Based upon the sermon and scripture, what changes are you going to make in your life this week?
- What challenges do you think you might face as you try to implement those changes?

**Recommended Spiritual Practices:**

(Select two or three of these basic rhythms to engage this week)

- Daily Devotion — This week, join the Proverbs and Psalms challenge. (Basically, stay with the chapter that aligns with the day of the month, adding in a Psalm or two. The reading plan is posted on the CCC App.)
- Prayer — In your journal, write a daily prayer and express to GOD what you really think and feel, not what you are supposed to think and feel. The Psalms will help you learn this important, honest approach to prayer.

- Freedom from Strongholds — this week, say YES to 2 or 3 needed spiritual rhythms, then say NO to 2 or 3 things that seem to have hold, power OVER you. Share with a friend and ask them to pray for you and check in with you.
- Sacrificial Generosity — Ask GOD to show you where there is a financial need and offer to help, contribute. If possible, meet the need yourself or ask your GROUP to take on this ministry opportunity.
- Serve the Community — Offer to serve a neighbor in need. OR, check the Outreach page at [Compassionchristian.com](http://Compassionchristian.com) and see what our ministry partners are needing. Go volunteer for one hour this week.
- Share Your Story — Look for one person to make a connection with this week. Once you have connected, tell them a portion of your story then invite them to share their story with you. (Boil your story down to three main points — who was I before Christ, what Jesus did for me, who I am now.)
- Celebration — This week, gather with the Church and invite one unchurched person to join you.