

# Are You A Vessel of Mercy?

## Lessons From the Lord's Brother Season 2

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**Core Message:** Chapter 2 is the core teaching of the book of James, emphasizing two necessities. The first, living a life marked by mercy rather than judgment and Rabbi Schneider challenges believers to resist the accusatory spirit of the enemy and instead walk in the love and compassion of God. He teaches that while all have sinned and fall short, God's mercy triumphs over judgment, offering believers a path to grace and transformation. Secondly, truly saving faith is not only internal, but is also demonstrated by outward works of love, mercy, and obedience. Works prove one's claim to have faith!

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### Main Bible Verses (NASB):

**Core Memory Verse (James 2:13)** "For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment."

- **(Ephesians 2:3-5)** "Among them we too all previously lived in the lusts of our flesh... and were by nature children of wrath, just as the rest. But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our wrongdoings, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)."
  - **(John 3:17)** "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him."
  - **(Luke 6:37)** "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned."
  - **(1 John 1:8)** "If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us."
  - **(James 2:14-17)** "What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him? ... Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself."
  - **(James 2:19)** "You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder."
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### Key Points (Fill-in-the-Blank):

- "Judgment will be merciless to the one who has shown no \_\_\_\_\_."
- "Are you walking in a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_, or are you and I walking in a spirit of mercy?"
- "Jesus didn't come to \_\_\_\_\_ the weak. He came to save the weak."
- "If we hold \_\_\_\_\_ towards others, we open up a door in our heart for Satan to come in and accuse us."
- "Love covers a multitude of \_\_\_\_\_, including yours and including mine."
- "Even \_\_\_\_\_ believe there's a God."
- "Faith without works is \_\_\_\_\_, being by itself."

## Notes:

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## Reflection Questions:

1. How have you seen judgmental attitudes affect your relationship with others or with God?

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2. In what situations do you find it hardest to show mercy? What might God be teaching you through those moments?

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3. Reflect on how you live out your faith during the week. Are your actions aligning with what you profess to believe on Sunday?

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4. What practical steps can you take to resist the spirit of accusation and grow in mercy and compassion?

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5. Have you ever considered the idea that showing mercy impacts the way you will be judged? Write about what meaning this has for your life.

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## Application Challenge of the Week:

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## Prayer Prompts:

- "Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any areas where you've been walking in judgment rather than mercy."
- "Thank God for His mercy that triumphs over your failures."
- "Pray for a heart that reflects the compassion and gentleness of Jesus."

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord cause His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His face to you and give you peace." Numbers 6:22-27 (