



**God wants us to break the huddle and get in the game.**

A formula to live by: quick to listen + slow to speak = slow to become angry  
Proverbs 17:28

We don't just learn for the sake of knowledge, but we learn so that we can live out our faith.

- » **Commit** to the Play Caller — Accept God's Word and follow His way.
- » **Connect** with the Community — Listen well and meet people where they are.
- » **Carry** the Ball — Live like Jesus everywhere we go.
- » **Counter** the Opponent — Resist Satan's false narrative.

James' overarching message in this passage is to **LISTEN** and **DO**.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Habitat for Humanity Build** today at 9:00 & 10:30 AM

**Women's Bible Study begins** on Sept. 23 and Sept. 25

**The Gathering** on Oct. 5 at 4:30 PM

**Fall Fest** on Oct. 12 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM

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# STUDY QUESTIONS

## GETTING STARTED:

When you hear the phrase, *"It's in the game,"* what comes to mind?

Share a time when you spoke too quickly and regretted it later. What happened?

## A DEEPER DIVE:

Read James 1:19-27.

- In verse 20, James says, *"human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires."* What's the difference between human anger and God's anger? Why is this distinction important?
  - What examples can you give of both?
- Compare James 1:22 ("Do what it says") with Jesus' teaching in Matthew 7:24-27 (wise and foolish builders). How are they saying the same thing?
  - James wrote, *"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves."* What does he mean? How do we deceive ourselves by listening to the word?
- In verses 23-25, James compares hearing without doing to looking in a mirror and forgetting what you look like. What do you think he's trying to show us with that image?
- Verses 26-27 give practical examples of "pure religion." Why do you think James chooses the tongue, caring for widows and orphans, and staying unpolluted by the world? What do those three things reveal about actionable faith?
- What does our culture need from Christians today? How can we serve and engage our communities by "living it out"?
- James' theme in this passage is to listen and do. Why is it important to listen to and know God's Word? Where is the missing link that causes us to sometimes stay longer in the "knowing" phase, and how can we motivate each other to turn our knowledge into action?

## THIS WEEK'S APPLICATION:

In the sermon, we talked about "breaking the huddle and getting in the game." What does that look like for you right now? **In what ways do you need to "get in the game"?**