

## Conclusion: Your World Turned Right Side Up

A. Which one of these two are you?

B. You are on a journey.

## LIVE THE STORY

*The Gospel is intended to be learned and lived in community. The following questions are designed for use in our Community Groups as an aid to growth in the Gospel and Community.*

- How does James 1:12 help us see that the subject being discussed is still connected to what James began in 1:2?
- How does Isaiah 40:6-8 inform our text?
- How does Jeremiah 9:23-24 inform our text and what it means to boast?
- James addresses the rich and the humble poor. Are you one of these, and if so who? What is he saying to you?
- What are the things you are prone to trust in... to boast in? Is James calling for an adjustment for you?
- How is the rich man called to live in light of the realities of the age to come in this text?
- In what sense, in 1:9-12, is James talking about where we are going? What theme points to our future destination? How does James call us to adjust our perspective, our thinking, in light of our future destination?
- How is this text calling you to live? What is it saying for you to do in speech and action?

## Faith that Turns Your World Right Side Up (Part 3) The Wisdom that Turns Your World Right Side Up!

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Text: James 1:9-12

## Introduction: You are on a Journey

**James K. A. Smith:** *To be human is to be on a quest. To live is to be embarked on a kind of unconscious journey toward a destination.... As Blaise Pascal put it...: "You have to wager. It is not up to you, you are already committed." You can't not bet your life on something. You can't not be headed somewhere.*

## I. Change Your Boasting

A. Boast!

B. Jeremiah 9:23-24

- i. What the wise, or strong, or rich are told not to boast in, are all things people are tempted to trust in for security.
  - Proverbs 10:15
- ii. Only one thing to boast in: Our confidence for salvation is in what we know about God.
- iii. When the saints gladly boast of what we are confident in the world might think we are crazy, but not proud.

C. Lowly poor believers should boast in their high position.

- i. They are called to boast in something that offers them no credit before God.
  - a) Proverbs 18:16
  - b) Proverbs 14:20
  - c) Galatians 6:14
- ii. We are called to boast in something which can only increase the praise that is given to God while it simultaneously decreases the any possibility of self-praise.

D. The rich person is to boast in his lowly state.

## II. A Wise Rich Person's Boast (1:10-11)

A. Why should the rich person boast in his lowly state?

- i. He is passing away!

- a) Isaiah 40:6-8

- b) Judgment Day is a day of justice.

➤ 2 Corinthians 8:13- 15

B. There is a reversal coming about in Christ.

- i. A wise person, rich or poor, begins to live in light of that reversal now.

- ii. *Parable of the Dishonest Steward* (Luke 16:1-9)

- a) He commended him for discerning the times and knowing how to deal with it.

- b) Just like this steward, the rich man's ability to provide for himself is coming to an end.

## III. A Wise Poor Person's Boast (1:12)

A. *Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial...*

- i. The poor person's trials have been highlighted in James 1.

- ii. *Blessed is...* reminds me of Jesus statements in:

- a) Mathew 5:3

- b) Luke 6:20

B. *for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life*

C. *...which God has promised to those who love him.*