



Day Three

Listen to the episode. Read the following question, and write your answers in the box provided.

"Mock Swedish" raises the question of authenticity. What does it mean to be an authentic person? What are the contrasting characteristics of someone who is fake and someone who is authentic?

Reflection: For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from observing the law. **Romans 3.28. Read Romans 3.21-31 for context.** How has this truth transformed your life? Write down some of the ways salvation has changed the way you live, and the way you view God?
Prayer.

Day Four

It's really worth listening to the episode at least twice, since the content is quite challenging and complex. Spend Day Four and Five thinking over your idea of faith and what it actually means.

You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. James. What role do works play in demonstrating that faith is real? If there are no good deeds, is it possible to say that someone's faith is real. What would James say? What would you say? Write some thoughts below.

Reflection: What is your understanding of faith? Read Matt 8.26; 9.1-3; 9.29; Mark 10.52; Rom 1.5; 1.17; 3.21-23; 4.9; 5.1; 14.23; I Cor 15.14; Hebrews 11. Take some time to consider how you exercise faith in your life. Are your actions consistent with the teaching in this passage from James? Ask God for wisdom to show you where he is challenging you and encouraging you.
Prayer.



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Day Five

Listen to the episode. It is worth listening one last time, since the episode contains challenging material. Read the following question, and write your answers in the box provided.

Cheap grace. Costly grace: when Christ calls you, he calls you to come and die. Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

What does it mean in your life to come and die? Write some reflections below.

Reflection: When you first heard the gospel, did you hear them talk about giving to the poor, caring for the needy, as an essential component of faith in Christ? Or was that just an option for some? If it was left out, then what kind of gospel is that? James would say, "it's no gospel at all." Think over what you consider "the gospel" is in light of this passage? Have you been faithful to what it is, or have you ever diluted it? How is God speaking to you? Prayer.