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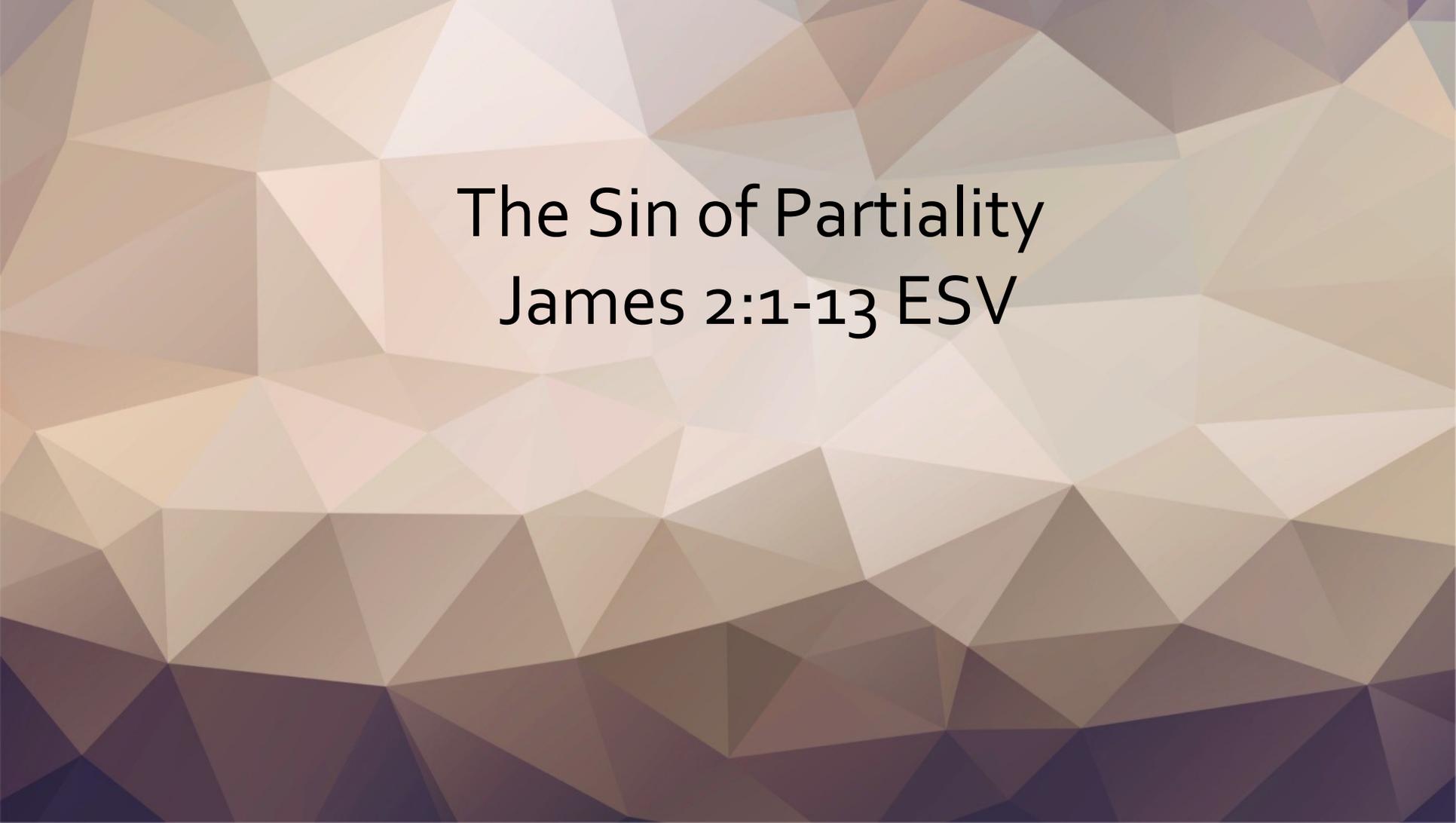
LEARNING AND LIVING A FAITH THAT WORKS

Week 4

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The main theme for our series is James
1:4b ESV

That you may be perfect (mature) and
complete, lacking in nothing.



The Sin of Partiality

James 2:1-13 ESV

I. Rejecting Partiality.

James 2:1-7 ESV

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay

attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," 4 have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? 7 Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

Acts 10:34-35 ESV

34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him”.

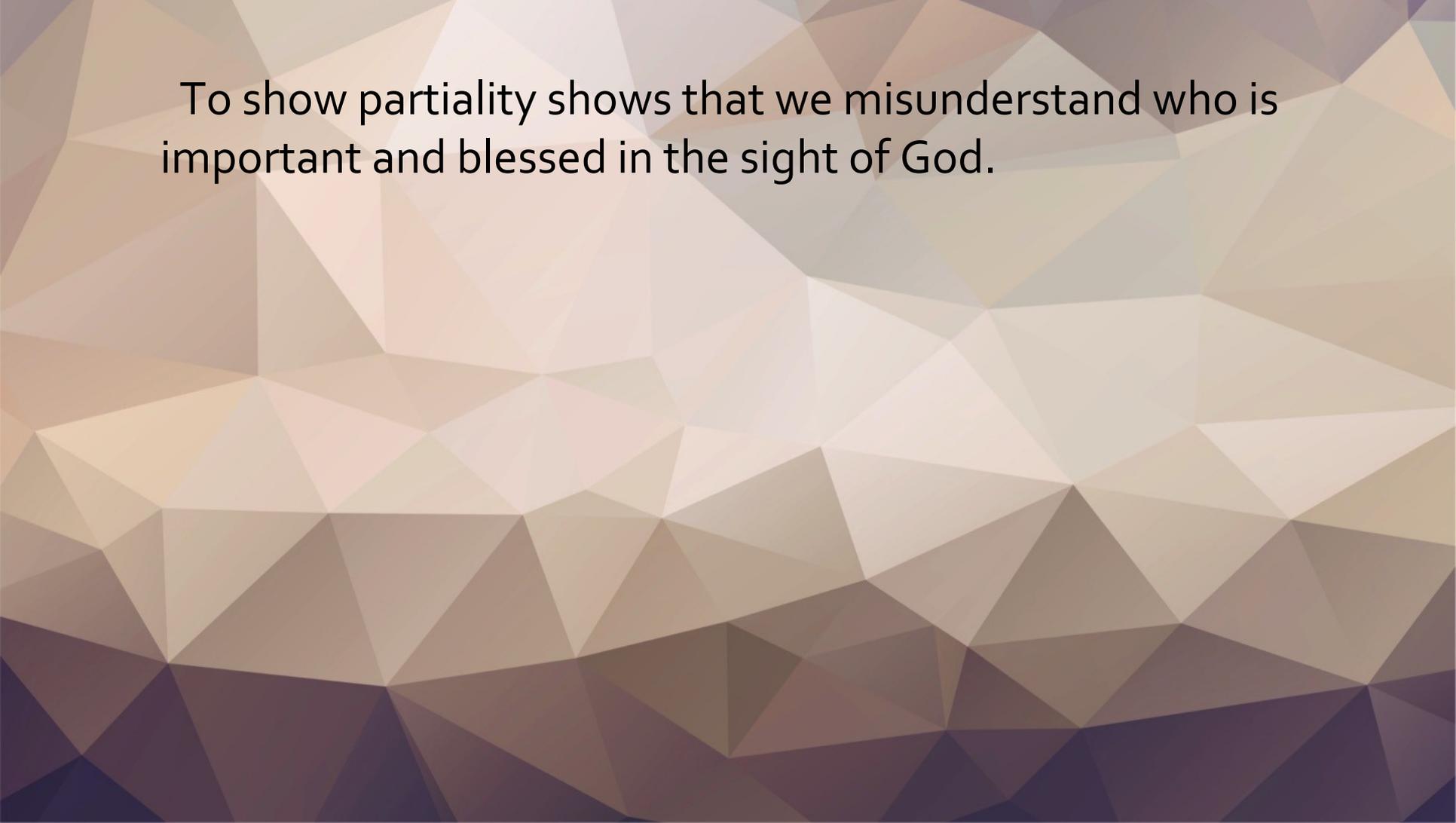


To show partiality shows that we care more for
the outward appearance than we do upon the
heart.

I Sam 16:7 ESV

7 But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”

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To show partiality shows that we misunderstand who is important and blessed in the sight of God.

To show partiality shows a selfish streak in us.

II. Completely embrace love for our neighbors.

James 2:8-9 ESV

8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. 9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

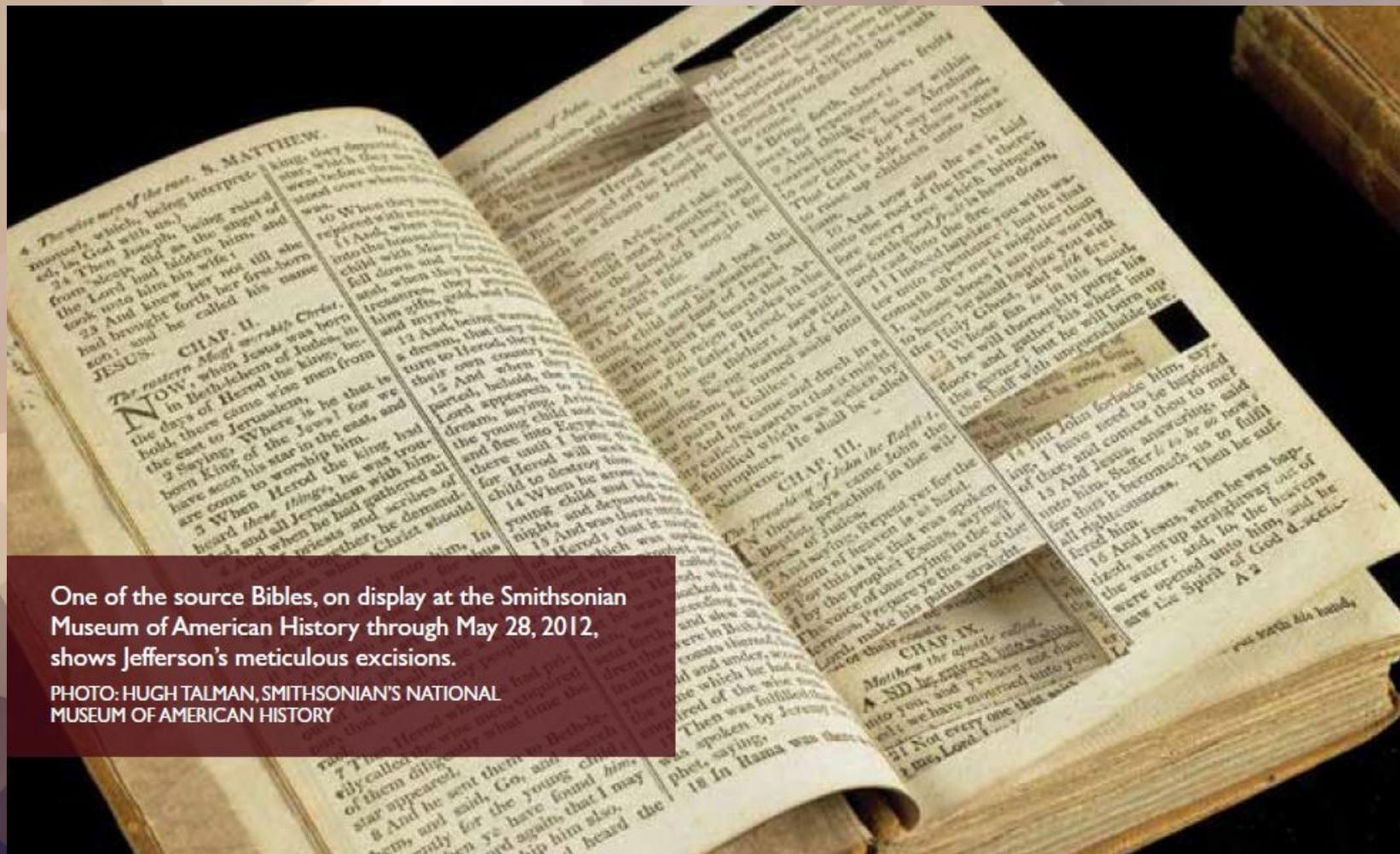
Lev. 19:18 ESV

18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

III. Rejecting selective obedience.

James 2:10-13 ESV

10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. **11** For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.



One of the source Bibles, on display at the Smithsonian Museum of American History through May 28, 2012, shows Jefferson's meticulous excisions.

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IV. Embrace action and mercy.

James 2:12-13 ESV

12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. **13** For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

2 Cor. 5:10 ESV

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

