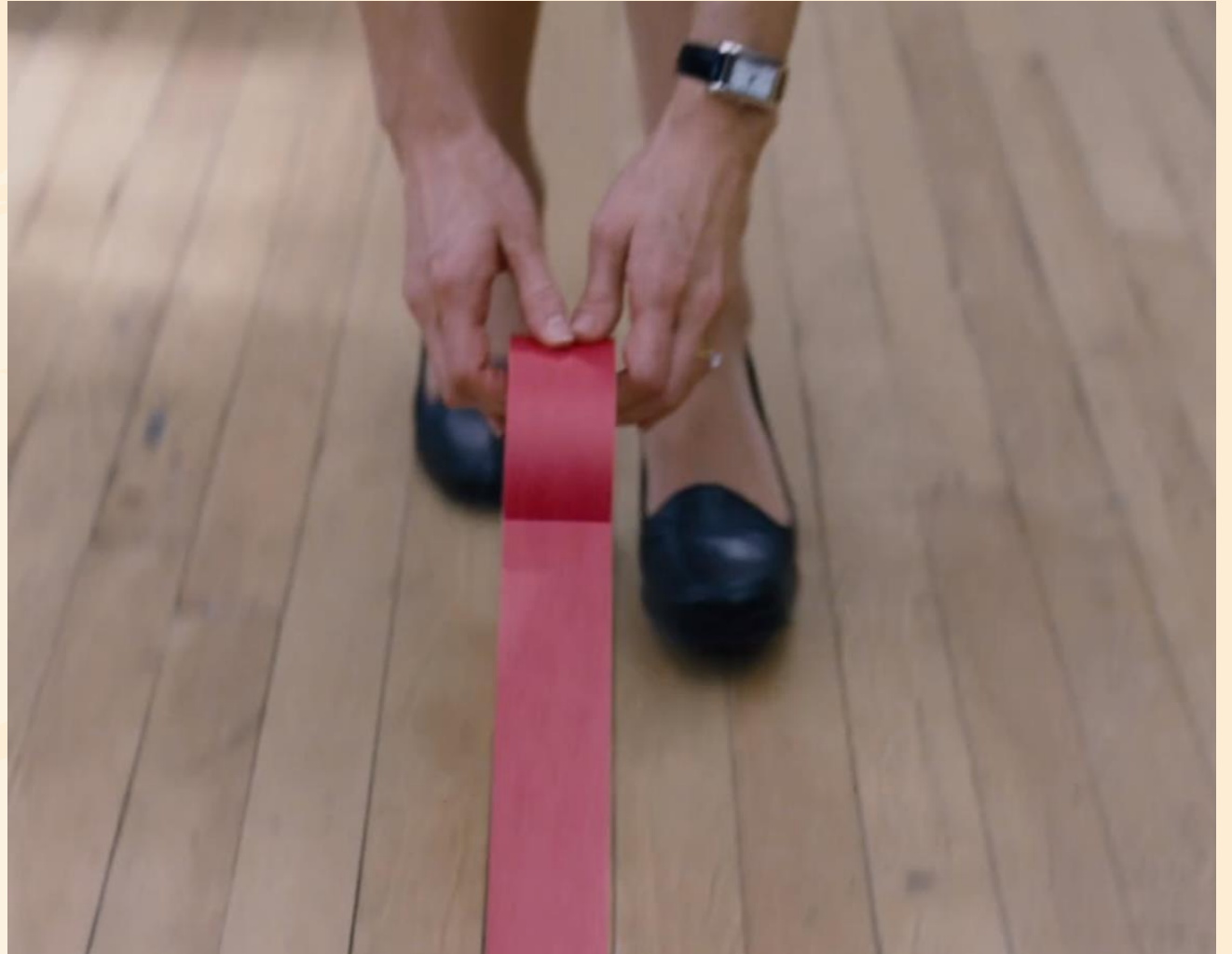


Overcoming Favoritism and Judgment

James 2:1-13

Sunday 1 October 2023







Overcoming Self-Deception

James 1:19-27

Listening

Listen attentively
to the LORD's
Voice

Doing

James 1:22

Receiving

Blessing follows
listening AND
doing

God's Voice is the Voice of Freedom, Truth, and Love



James 1:27

**Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is
this: to look after orphans and widows
and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world**

**to keep oneself unspotted and uncontaminated
by the secular world (AMP)**

to guard against corruption from the godless world (MSG)



Guard against corruption from the godless world

James 1:27 (MSG)

**Don't let the world around you
squeeze you into its own mold**

Romans 12:2 (Phillips)





Guard against corruption from the godless world

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Wealth and Riches

(According to the Canadian Red Cross)

75%

**Richer than
the rest of the world**

Food in refrigerator

Clothes on back

Roof over head

Place to sleep

8%

**Of the world's
wealthiest**

Money in bank

Money in wallet

Spare change in a dish



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**If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture,
“Love your neighbor as yourself,”
you are doing right.**

James 2:8



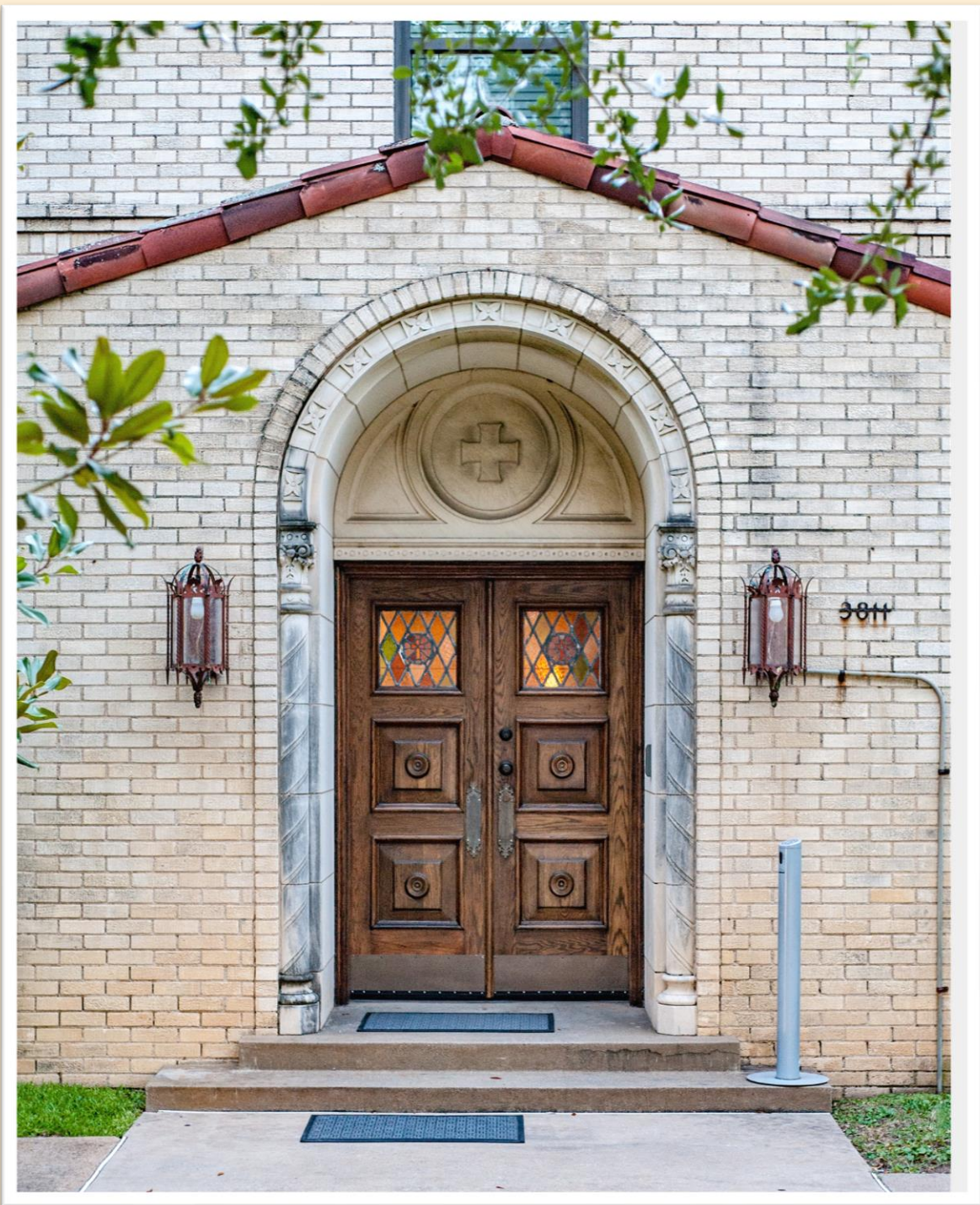


“From Barriers to Belonging: The Church and People with Disabilities”

Dr. Erik W. Carter
4 October 2017

The Luther Sweet Endowed Chair in Disabilities
in the School of Education, Baylor University





All Are Welcome?



Ten Dimensions of Belonging

Dr. Erik Carter, "From Barriers to Belonging," 4 October 2017

Present
Invited
Welcomed
Known

Accepted
Supported
Cared For

Befriended
Needed *
Loved

***1 Corinthians 12:12-27**



**If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture,
“Love your neighbor as yourself,”
you are doing right.
But if you show favoritism,
you sin
and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.**

James 2:8-9





YOU WILL
UNDERSTAND
BETTER THE
LOVE OF
JESUS WHEN
YOU LEARN
TO SIT AT THE
TABLE WITH
YOUR JUDAS

TOBYNAZ #SPEAKLIFE



**Speak and act
as those who are going to be judged by
the law that gives freedom,
because judgment without mercy
will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful.**

James 2:12-13a



Guard against corruption from the godless world

James 1:27 (MSG)

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squeeze you into its own mold**

Romans 12:2 (Phillips)







**God's voice is
the voice of freedom, truth, and love**

**God speaks through:
Scripture
Other Christians
(even those different from you)**



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James 1:27 (MSG)

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Romans 12:2 (Phillips)



**Speak and act
as those who are going to be judged by
the law that gives freedom,
because judgment without mercy
will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful.
Mercy triumphs over judgment!**

James 2:12-13

