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**Please complete by May 12**

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2. What has changed in your life or in the life of the church that may have affected your sense of connection or excitement about FBCW?
  
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May 12, 2024

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    - ii. APPEARANCES
    - iii. VOCATIONS
    - iv. Family STATUS
  - c. Favoritism shows that we put more STOCK in PEOPLE than in God
  
2. The ROOT issue explored (v.5-9)
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  - b. At worst, we CONTRADICT God's heart and TRIVIALIZE His heart for people
  - c. The Root: favoritism is a failure to LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF, which in itself is a failure to LOVE GOD WITH ALL OF YOURSELF
    - i. 10 Commandments
    - ii. Luke 10:25-37
  - d. How much you LOVE PEOPLE PROVES how much you love and TRUST God
  
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  - b. Equality is found at the FOOT OF THE CROSS
    - i. 2 classes of people:
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