



The WORD

SUMMER MESSAGE SERIES

GOD'S WORD: FOUR CHOICES WE MAKE

July 26, 2020 • Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor • James 1:22-25

▶ **The Choice between Listening and Action**

"But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (22)

Root problem: **Self-Deception**

▶ **The Choice between Reflection and Transformation**

"...like a man looking at his own face in a mirror...immediately forgets what kind of man he was." (23-24)

Root problem: **Rationalization**

▶ **The Choice between My Way and God's Way**

"But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom...and is not a forgetful hearer but one who does good works..." (25a)

Root problem: **Authority**

▶ **The Choice between Perseverance and Procrastination**

"...perseveres in it...this person will be blessed in what he does." (25b)

Root problem: **Lack of Abiding Faith**

ONLINE OPTIONS

Our worship services are available online each Sunday at 9a, 11a, and 5p at HoustonFirst.org, [YouTube.com/HoustonsFirst](https://www.youtube.com/HoustonsFirst), and [Facebook.com/HoustonsFirst](https://www.facebook.com/HoustonsFirst).



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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Generosity AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

Fiscal year to date (July 1, 2020–July 19, 2020)

First Time Givers	12
Total Givers	2,009
Generosity to Date	\$1,415,886
Generosity Goal to Date	\$1,727,340
Cumulative revenue less expenses (July 1, 2019–May 31, 2020)	\$1,827,219

Thank you for your continued giving to God's mission at Houston's First. We invite you to visit HoustonFirst.org/Giving for additional financial information and to set up recurring opportunities to give.

ATTENDANCE

Week ending July 19, 2020

Life Bible Study 1,291

SYMPATHIES

- Eddie & Carri McBrien on loss of his mother, Reta McBrien
- Lloyd & Jan Chinn in the loss of her mother
- Belinda Moreno in the loss of her mother, Dora Moreno
- Donna Dvorak in the loss of her husband, James Dvorak

CONNECT WITH YOUR CAMPUS

Look for the **CONNECT** item on the HoustonFirst.org homepage to learn how you can connect with your campus and various ministries. You'll find social media links, a helpful phone number and email address, and more.

Night OF Prayer

Mon, July 27 @ 7–8p – Online

Gather online for a night of prayer with the Houston's First family and this week's hosts – Downtown Campus Pastor Lee Hsia and Cypress Campus Minister of Worship Roger Cullins. You can connect via YouTube, Facebook, or HoustonFirst.org.

What questions do you have?

Whatever is on your mind or heart, text **PRAYFIRST** to **41411**. You'll receive a link to our Prayer & Connection Card where you can tell us how we can pray for you, ask questions about Jesus, request information about our church, ask for somebody to contact you, and more. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Visit HoustonFirst.org or the Houston's First app to learn more about other upcoming opportunities at Houston's First.

MINI MILESTONES

Wednesdays @ 6:30p – Facebook

Each week this summer, enjoy a free online class from speakers around the world as they address various topics. Currently, Dr. David Geisler is looking at "Understanding The Times." Beginning Wed, Aug 5, Dr. Peter Williams will address the question "Can We Trust The Gospels?" Go to Facebook.com/MidLinkMilestones to join in Wednesdays at 6:30p!
CONTACT: Jenny.Sheets@HoustonFirst.org

PROMISE KEEPERS

VIRTUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE

Fri, July 31 @ 6–9p & Sat, Aug 1 @ 9a–Noon – Online

This virtual global gathering will feature transformative teaching and music from leading worship artists. Watch on your own or gather with men from your Grow Group or Life Bible Study for this FREE livestream event. No matter where you plan to watch, registration is required for access so sign up at HoustonFirst.org!
CONTACT: Julianne.Kho@HoustonFirst.org

MEN: SERVE

Sat, Aug 8 @ 8a–1p

At this COVID-19-adapted day of service, men will go out in teams to serve the widows of our church through yard work, car maintenance, and other tasks. Register to serve by Fri, July 31, at HoustonFirst.org.
CONTACT: Julianne.Kho@HoustonFirst.org

Houston's First has Talent

Wed, Aug 19 – Online and at The Loop Campus

Don't throw away your shot! Members from every campus and of all ages are invited to compete for prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Audition videos are due by Sun, Aug 2! Visit HoustonFirst.org or text **HFBCALENT** to **41411** for info and to submit your video.
CONTACT: Doug.Bischoff@HoustonFirst.org

GIVING

One way we worship the Lord is by giving back a portion of what He has given us. We invite you to contribute to what He is doing through the ministry of Houston's First.

- ☎ Text **HFBCGIVE** to **41411**
- 📦 Place contribution in drop boxes at your campus
- 🌐 Visit HoustonFirst.org/SundayToolkit
- ✉ **Mail contribution to:**
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Houston, TX 77024

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