



**SERMON OUTLINE SEPTEMBER 6, 2015**

## **“Rolled Up Shirtsleeves”**

James 2:1-18

### INTRODUCTION:

Milking cows with grandpa – *“It’s time to roll up your shirtsleeves”*

### I. ALL PEOPLE NATURALLY SEEK GLORY, NOT HARD WORK

- A. This was true in the Church of James: *Not our shirtsleeves!*  
(James 2:1-18)
- B. This was also true in the life of Peter (Mark 8:27-35)
- C. What about us today?

### II. GOD’S PEOPLE FIND TRUE GLORY IN SERVING OTHERS

- A. This is the Gospel: Jesus *rolled up His ‘shirtsleeves’ for us*  
(Matthew 20:28)
- B. This is the Gospel: The Holy Spirit strengthens us today for the task of *rolled up shirtsleeves*
- C. A beautiful word picture from Isaiah:  
*the strong soldier lifting the wounded soldier* (Isaiah 50:7)
- D. *Rolling up our shirtsleeves* in service to others is actually serving our Lord Jesus (Matthew 25:40)

CONCLUSION: *The legend of Roman soldier Martin of Tours:  
He gave his coat to Jesus*