

SERMON OUTLINE – SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

# “It’s Time to Get Dirty”

*(James 2:1-18)*

**INTRODUCTION:** *Rolling up my shirtsleeves on our dairy farm...*

## **I. THE CHURCH OF JAMES: “We don’t want to get dirty!”**

- A. They did not want the inconvenience of serving others (2:1-4, 15-17)
- B. James’ famous words: *Faith without works is dead* (2:17)

## **II. PETER ALSO SAID: “I don’t want to get dirty!”**

- A. Peter wanted no part of life-giving service & Jesus’ cross (Mark 8)
- B. Jesus rebukes Peter and says “getting dirty & sacrifice” is why He came & what those who follow Jesus are to expect



## **III. AND US TODAY: WHAT ABOUT US *GETTING DIRTY*?**

- A. Do we “talk a good talk” but don’t “walk at good walk” re: our faith?
- B. The Gospel is this: Jesus rolled got dirty for us (Matthew 20:28)
- C. The Gospel is also this: The Holy Spirit living in us strengthens us to get dirty in service to others
- D. The LORD lifts us up so that we can lift up others (Isaiah 50:7)
- E. As we serve others, we are really serving Jesus (Matthew 25:40)

**CONCLUSION:** *The legend of Martin of Tours*