

A photograph of a person from the waist up, standing in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. The person is facing away from the camera, with their arms raised and hands open, palms facing forward. The background shows a hillside covered in dense green trees under a clear sky.

# Faith that Demands a Change of Heart

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James 1:19-25

# James: Keep the Faith

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- Stands the **Test** (1:2-12)
  - Joy in Trials
  - Wisdom Given Generously
  - Boasting in Our Weakness
- Demands a **Change** of Heart (1:19-25)

Am I willing  
to change when  
God tells me to?

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19 My dear brothers and sisters,  
**take note** of this:

Everyone should be quick to **listen**,  
slow to **speak** and slow to become **angry**,

20 because **human anger** does not produce  
the **righteousness** that God desires.

James 1:19-20 (NIV) (p.1/4)

21 Therefore, get rid of all **moral filth**  
and the **evil** that is so prevalent

and **humbly accept**  
the word **planted** in you,  
which can **save** you.

## James 1:21 (NIV) (p.2/4)

22 Do not merely **listen** to the word,  
and so **deceive** yourselves. **Do** what it says.

23 Anyone who **listens** to the word  
but does not **do** what it says

is like someone who looks at his **face** in a mirror  
24 and, after **looking** at himself, goes away  
and immediately **forgets** what he looks like.

James 1:22-24 (NIV) (p.3/4)

25 But whoever **looks intently**  
into the **perfect law** that gives **freedom**,  
  
and **continues** in it —  
not **forgetting** what they have heard,  
but **doing** it —  
  
they will be **blessed** in what they **do**.

James 1:25 (NIV) (p.4/4)

# Change of Heart Jam 1b

A photograph of a person from the waist up, standing in a field of tall grass. The person has their arms outstretched wide, palms facing forward. They are wearing a dark t-shirt and a watch on their left wrist. The background shows a hillside covered in trees under a clear sky. The lighting suggests it's either early morning or late afternoon, creating a warm glow.

1. Shun **Anger** (v19-20)
2. **Accept** the Word (v21)
3. **Act**, Don't Just Listen (v22-24)
4. **Abide** and Obey (v25)

A young child with light hair, wearing a red short-sleeved top with a small floral pattern and blue jeans, sits cross-legged on a dark, reflective surface. The child is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

Everyone should be quick to **listen**,  
slow to **speak** and slow to become **angry**

James 1:19 (NIV)

A dramatic painting depicting the scene of Jesus赶钱人 (Driving the Money Changers from the Temple). In the center, Jesus, with a beard and long hair, stands in a red robe, gesturing with his hands. He is surrounded by a group of people in various states of惊恐 (fear) and confusion. Some are falling or running away, while others look on with concern. In the background, there are large, classical-style columns and a dark, dramatic sky. The overall mood is one of intense action and religious fervor.

Zeal for Your house will consume Me

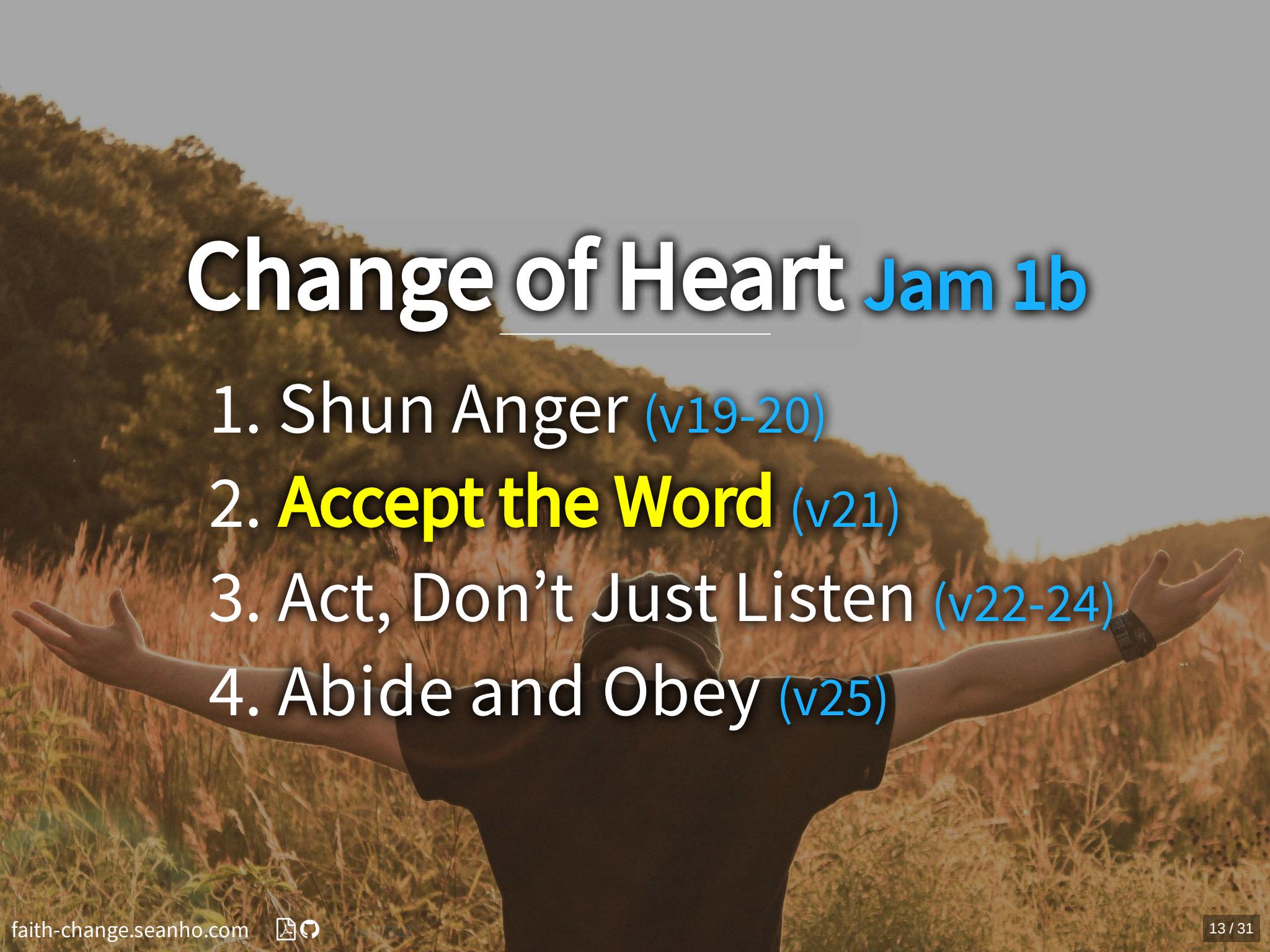
John 2:17 (NIV)

the **anger of man** does not achieve  
the **righteousness of God**

James 1:20 (NASB)

Have I been  
quick to **listen**,  
**slow to speak**, and  
**slow to anger?**

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1. Shun Anger (v19-20)
2. **Accept the Word** (v21)
3. Act, Don't Just Listen (v22-24)
4. Abide and Obey (v25)

A dramatic image of two hands reaching out from opposite sides towards the center. The hands are heavily stained with dark, smoky residue, suggesting they have been through something肮脏的 (dirty). The background is a deep, smoky purple and black, creating a somber and intense atmosphere.

Get rid of all **moral filth**  
and the **evil** that is so prevalent

James 1:21 (NIV)

A close-up photograph of a young green plant with compound leaves growing out of a large, textured, brown tree stump. The background is dark and out of focus.

**humbly accept** the word **planted** in you,  
which can **save** you.

James 1:21 (NIV)

How do I **react** to  
discipline from  
the **Word** of God?

# Change of Heart Jam 1b

A photograph of a person from the waist up, standing in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. The person's arms are outstretched wide, palms facing forward. They are wearing a dark t-shirt and a black wristband on their left wrist. The background shows a hillside covered in trees under a clear sky.

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**Do** what it says.

James 1:22 (NIV)

after **looking** at himself, goes away  
and immediately **forgets** what he looks like.

# James 1:24 (NIV)

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Is the Bible  
a magic **amulet**  
or our  
**owner's manual?**

# Change of Heart Jam 1b

A photograph of a person from the waist up, standing in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. The person's arms are outstretched wide, palms facing forward. They are wearing a dark t-shirt and a black cap. The background shows rolling hills under a clear sky at sunset or sunrise.

1. Shun Anger (v19-20)
2. Accept the Word (v21)
3. Act, Don't Just Listen (v22-24)
4. **Abide and Obey** (v25)



But whoever looks intently  
into the **perfect law** that gives **freedom** ...

James 1:25a (NIV)

If you hold to my **teaching**,  
you are really my **disciples**.

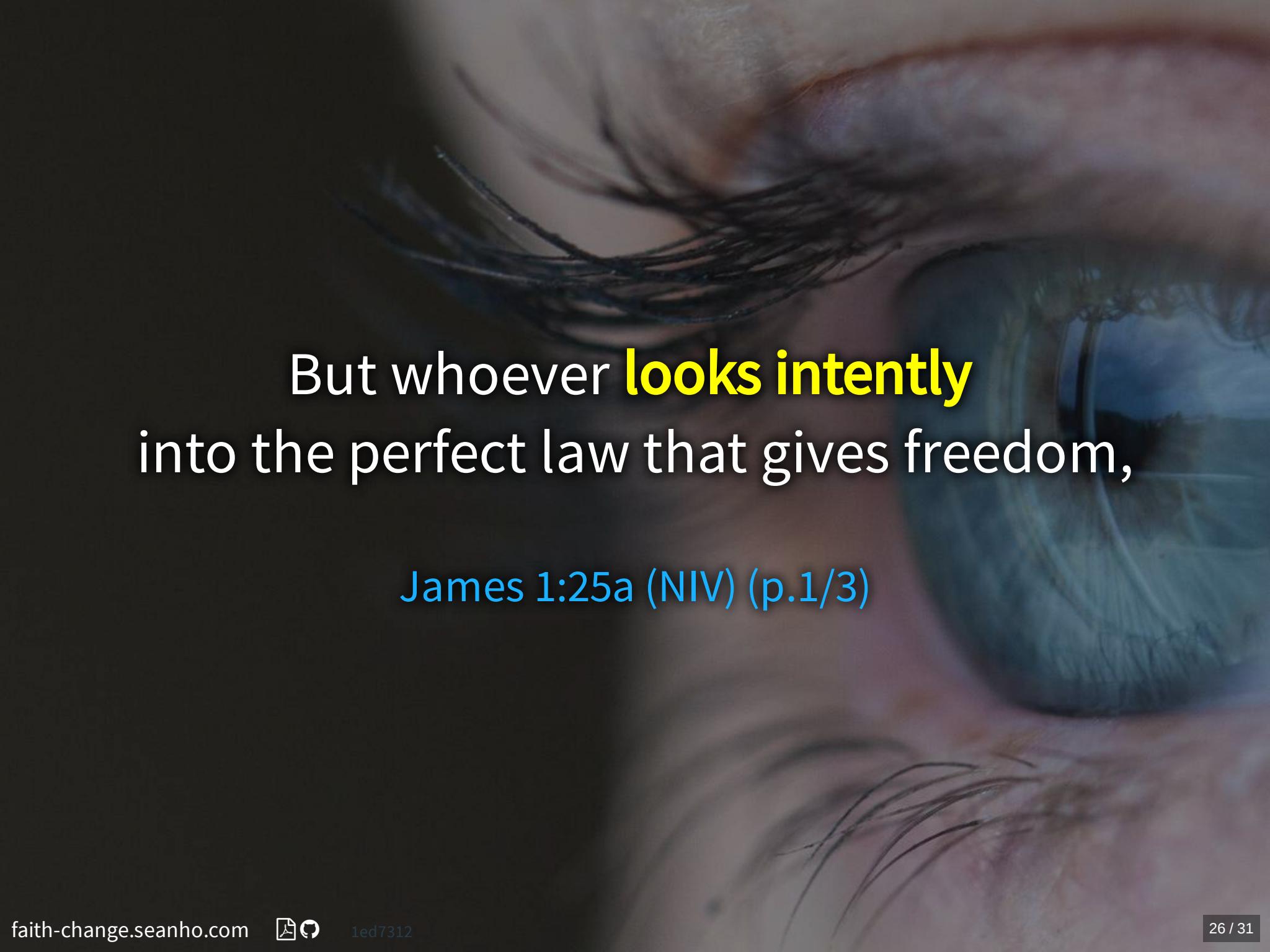
**32 Then you will know the truth,  
and the truth will set you free.**

John 8:31-32 (NIV) (p.1/2)

34 Very truly I tell you,  
everyone who **sins** is a **slave** to sin.

... 36 So if the **Son** sets you free,  
you will be **free indeed.**

John 8:34, 36 (NIV) (p.2/2)



But whoever **looks intently**  
into the perfect law that gives freedom,

James 1:25a (NIV) (p.1/3)

A photograph showing two people from behind, walking away on a rocky path through a dense forest. The person on the left is wearing a white shirt with red accents and dark pants, using trekking poles. The person on the right is wearing a light blue shirt and dark shorts. The path is rocky and surrounded by greenery.

and **continues** in it —  
not **forgetting** what they have heard,

James 1:25b (NIV) (p.2/3)

A photograph of a wooden boardwalk path made of four parallel planks, leading into a field of tall green grass under a cloudy, overcast sky.

but **doing** it –  
they will be **blessed** in what they **do**.

James 1:25c (NIV) (p.3/3)

**Do I persevere to  
study and obey  
the Word of God?**

A photograph of a person from behind, standing in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. The person's arms are outstretched wide, palms facing up, as if embracing the natural surroundings. The background shows a line of trees under a clear sky.

But whoever **looks intently**  
into the **perfect law** that gives **freedom**,  
  
and **continues** in it —  
not **forgetting** what they have heard,  
but **doing** it —  
  
they will be **blessed** in what they **do**.

James 1:25 (NIV)

