

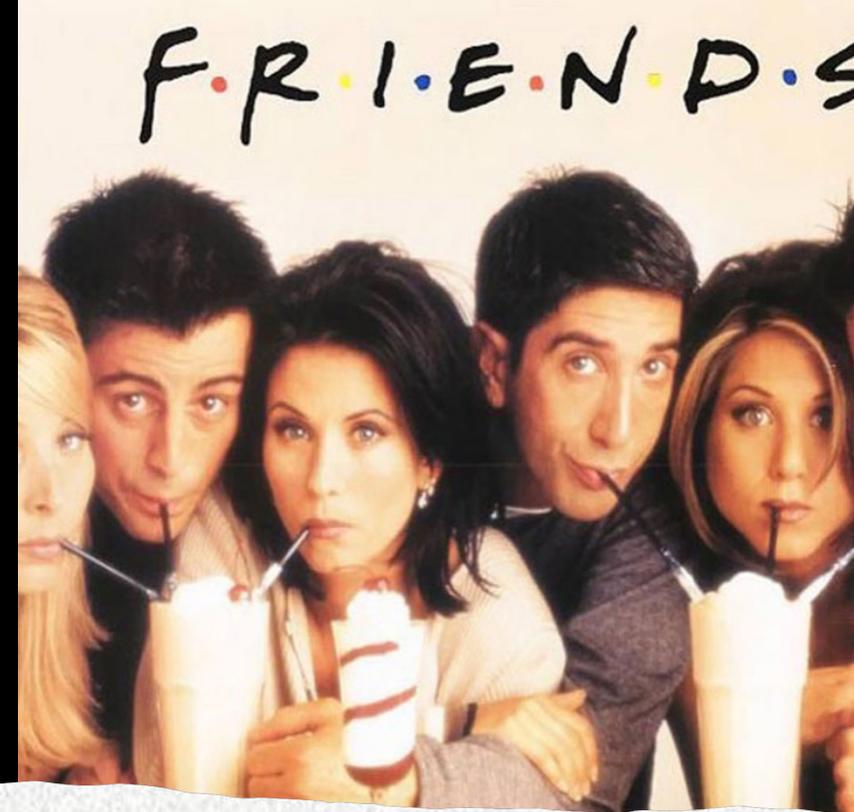
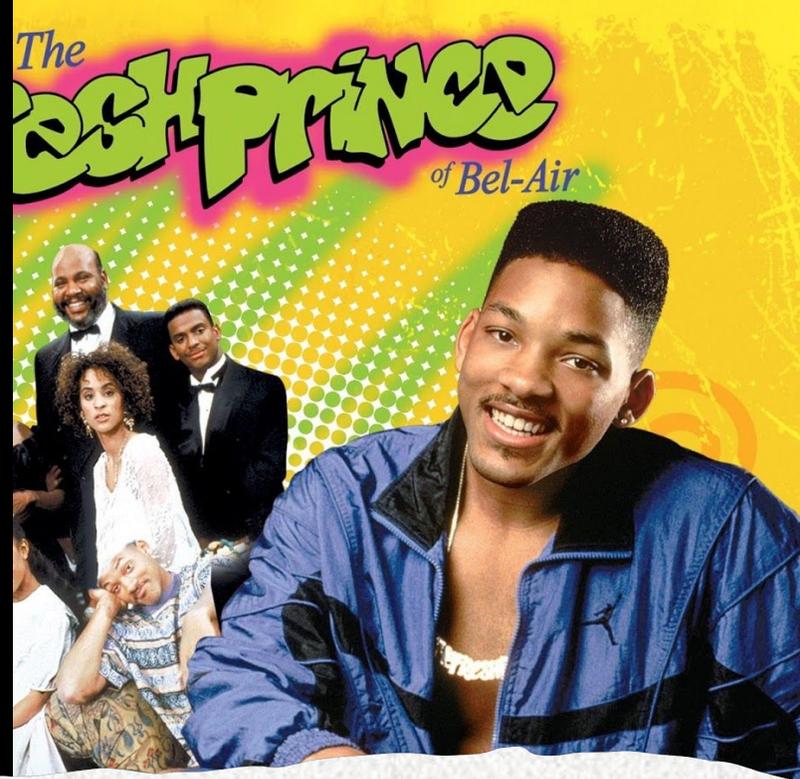


**RAD: 2. No Favorites**



**Which outfit would  
you wear first?**

**Can you name the artists?  
Do you know what they are  
doing now?**



**Which TV show  
was your favorite?**

**Why? What made it so good?  
What was the TV show about?**



# QUESTIONS:

- **Why do you think rich people are looked upon as popular people?**
- **Why do you think poor people are looked down upon?**



# QUESTIONS:

- Why do you think people discriminate?
- Who gets discriminated against in your school?

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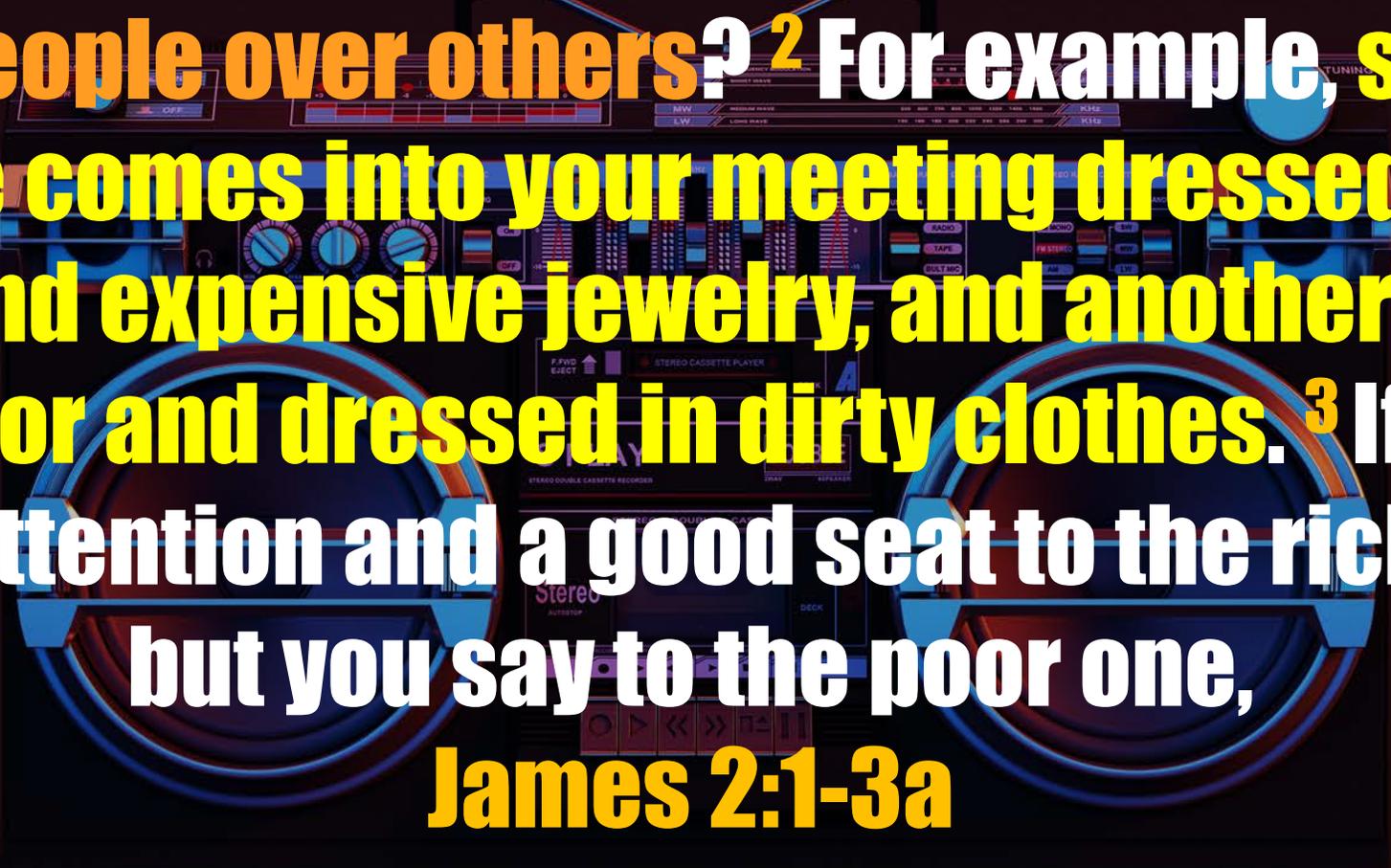
- How do you think God looks at favoritism?
- When has favoritism hurt you?
- How did it make you feel?
- How did you recover?



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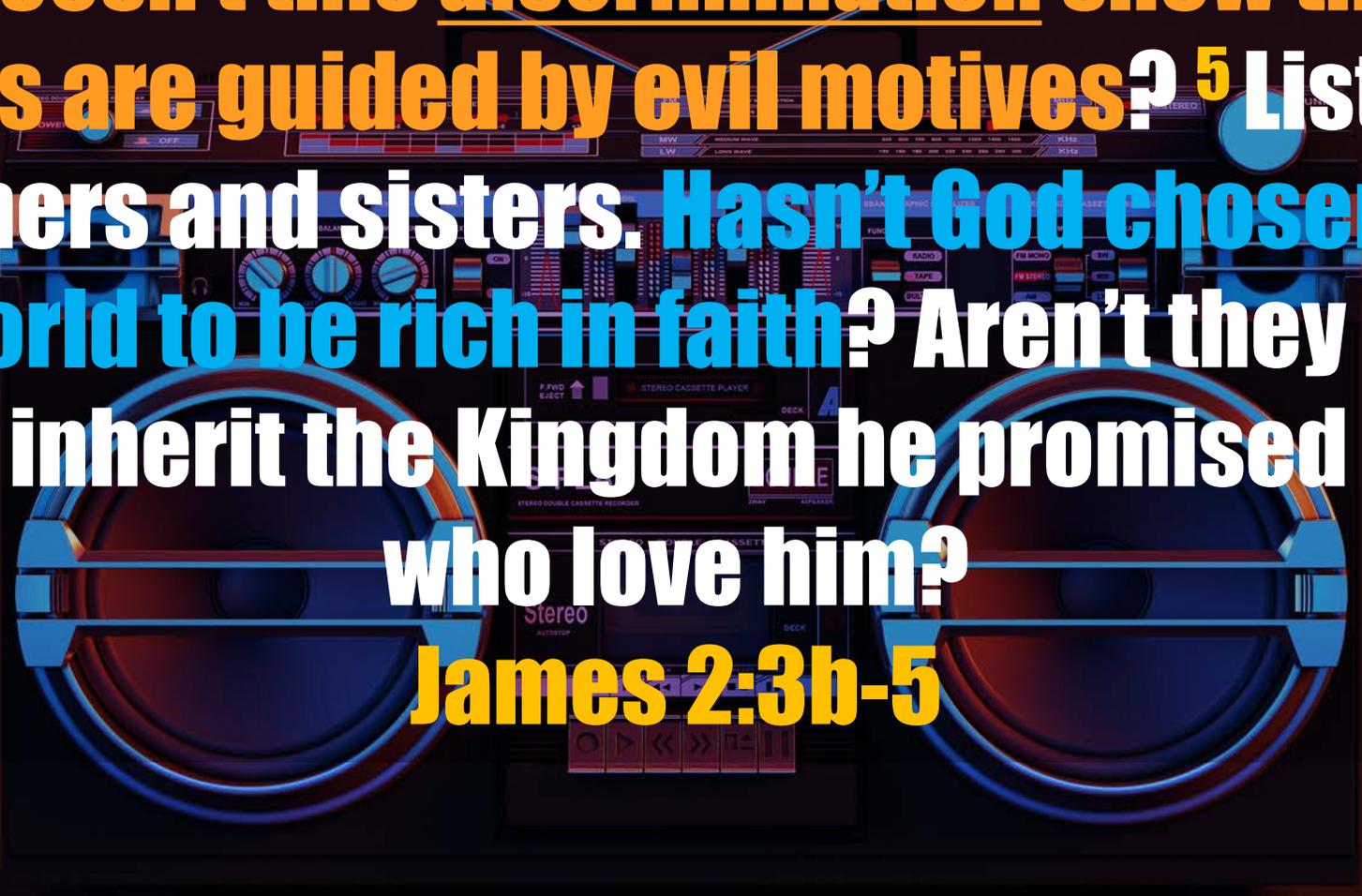
- **Can anyone share a story about a time when you saw a negative effect of favoritism on someone you loved?**
- **Give an example that shows how favoritism can hurt, exclude, or neglect someone.**





**1** My dear brothers and sisters, **how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others?** **2** For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. **3** If you give special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one,

**James 2:1-3a**

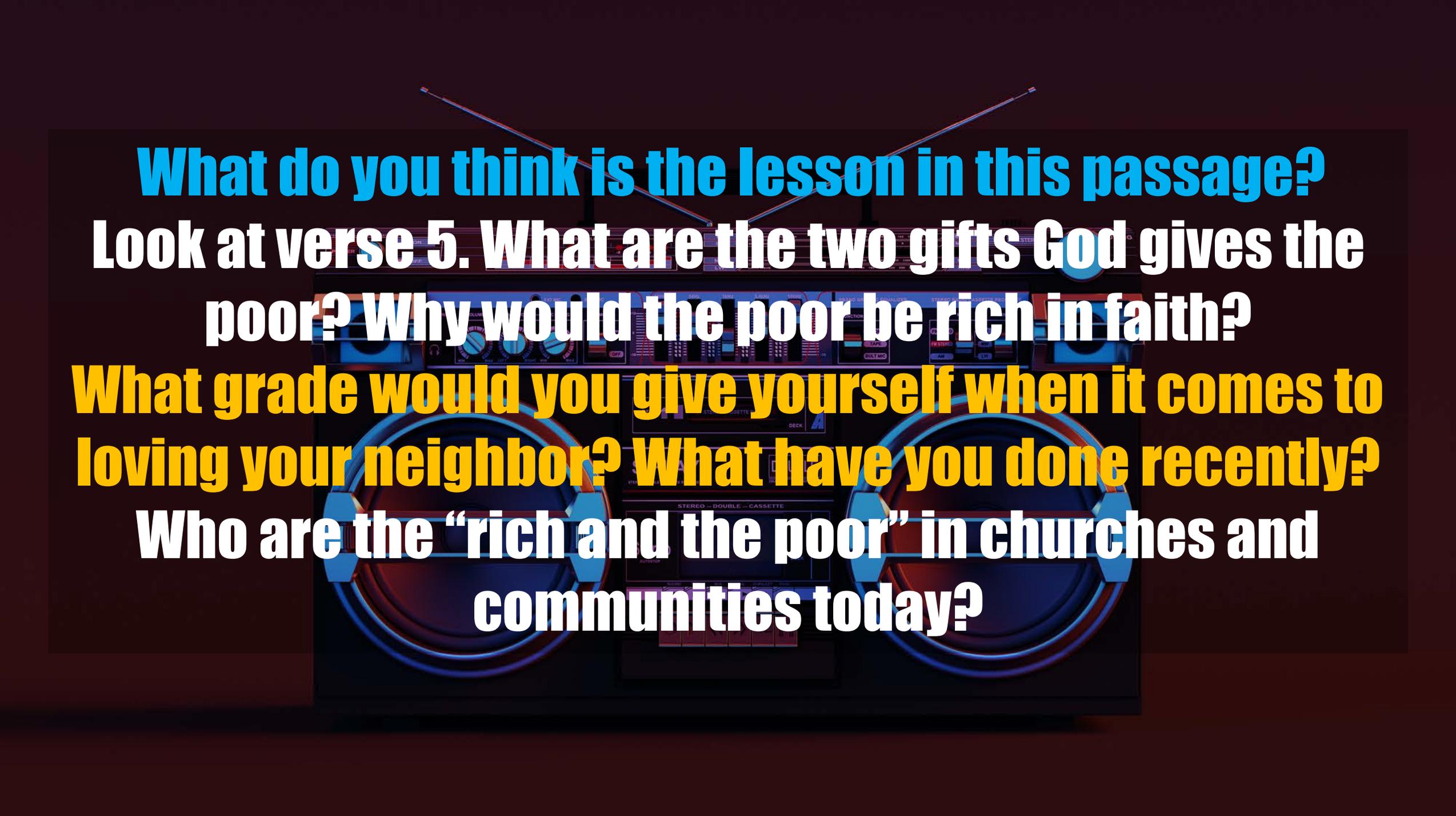


**3** “You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor”—  
well, **4** doesn't this discrimination show that your  
judgments are guided by evil motives? **5** Listen to me,  
dear brothers and sisters. **Hasn't God chosen the poor  
in this world to be rich in faith?** Aren't they the ones  
who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those  
who love him?

**James 2:3b-5**

**6** But you dishonor the poor! Isn't it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court? **7** Aren't they the ones who slander Jesus Christ, whose noble name you bear? **8** Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: "**Love your neighbor as yourself.**" **9** But **if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin.** You are guilty of breaking the law.

**James 2:6-9**



**What do you think is the lesson in this passage?**

**Look at verse 5. What are the two gifts God gives the poor? Why would the poor be rich in faith?**

**What grade would you give yourself when it comes to loving your neighbor? What have you done recently?**

**Who are the “rich and the poor” in churches and communities today?**

# OBSERVE:

- What are the biggest similarities in these two pictures?
- What are the biggest differences in these two pictures?
- Name at least 3 similarities and 3 differences.





**• There is nothing wrong with having favorites.  
We need best friends—this is not favoritism.  
Favoritism is excluding and hurting people because  
they are not like you or don't benefit you.**

# ***GOD DOES NOT LIKE IT WHEN:***

- **We choose favorites based on what people have...like money, popularity, or power.**
- **We ignore people without things like fame, fortune, or friends.**
- **We mistreat, dishonor, shame, exclude, or fail to love someone because we see them as less important than other people.**





**RADICAL PEOPLE DON'T PLAY FAVORITES.**

**WHAT'S ONE WAY YOU CAN LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR THIS WEEK?**





**BE GENEROUS WITH EVERYONE—ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO NEED IT.**



**TREAT **EVERYONE** LIKE THEY ARE MADE BY GOD—BECAUSE THEY ARE.**