



JAMES



FORGED IN FAITH

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The Main Idea

God uses the trials in our life like a hammer and chisel to take away everything in us that doesn't look like Jesus.

James 1 (ESV)

*1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. 2 Count
it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various
kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith
produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its
full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking
in nothing. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God,
who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will
be given him.*

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6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. 9 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, 10 and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away.

James 1 (ESV)

11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

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- One of Jesus' four brothers & "some" sisters
- Aka "Jacob"
- Very influential in the early Church
- Head of Jerusalem church
- Martyred
- Wrote letter around 40 AD (earliest of epistles)
- Sheds light on the meaning of Jesus' teachings

Prayer



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- James says to pray
- Letter written to believers
- Prayer is the tool we use to work out our faith in everyday life



Identity

- Servant of God & Jesus
- Everything else is temporary & fruitless
- Called to bring Jesus into an unbelieving world
- Believers will experience trials & temptations (4 reasons)
- Leads to steadfastness & hope for eternity
 - Learn from mistakes – Repentance & forgiveness
 - Resist Satan
 - Grow in relationship with Jesus

CHRIST: THE WISDOM OF GOD

Christ: The Wisdom of God

- Spiritual gift
- God will give wisdom when we ask for it
- Jesus is the source of all wisdom
- Lived out in our daily life
- Doubts (relying on me) versus Questions (relying on God)



Eternal Wealth

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- Believers are children of the King
- Live by faith
- Jesus meets our needs
- We are blessed with eternal abundant life – The crown of life

Questions

- Where do you find your identity?
- How does your faith impact your daily life?
- Why is prayer an important part of your daily life?
- How have your life's trials impacted your life?
- How does the wisdom of God cause you to view life differently from those who trust in earthly wisdom?

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