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“James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings.”

James 1:1

SERMON 1
OVERVIEW OF EPISTLE OF JAMES

The Message of James: Where Faith and Life Collide

James addresses the integral connection that exists between faith and life. James reveals the collision that happens when faith and life come together. Therefore, this letter is extremely practical and helpful on how to live the Christian life. God inspired James to provide clear and application centered truth throughout this letter. This makes James helpful on one hand and convicting on the other hand because this is where our faith is revealed and where our faith matters ... how you and I live out our faith.

Author—*“James”* (Mark 3:21; 1 Corinthians 15:3-7)

Recipients—*“twelve tribes scattered abroad”* (Acts 7:54-8:1)

1A. TRIALS ARE GOOD (not bad) - James 1

1B. Trials are a reason for joy (1;2)

2B. Trials are a pathway to spiritual maturity (1:3-5)

3B. Trials cause you to consciously depend on God (1:5-8)

4B. Trials are temporary and will pass (1:9-12)

5B. Trials are a reason for joy because we are promised that they are a part of God’s purposes unlike temptations (1:13-15)

2A. FAITH IS ABOUT HOW YOU LIVE EVERY DAY (not only what you think or believe)

1B. Faith involves how you live and treat others (2:1, 3-7, 9-13)

2B. The difference between living faith and dead faith (2:14-26)

3A. CHRISTIANITY IS A PUBLIC MATTER (not a private matter)

1B. James identifies our problem of selfishness and pride (4:1-3,6)

2B. James calls us to submit to God (4:7-10)

3B. James warns us of God’s judgment (5:1-6; 4:4; 5:9)

4B. James instructs us to good fruits (3:17-18)

We are told to treat each other with tender concern, praying for the sick, helping those struggling in sin, and bringing back those who wander away.

This is the journey that is ahead for us as they travel through this letter of James where your faith and life collide together into a meaningful life that glorifies our God.