



*The Book of*  
**James**

**Building a Faith that Lasts**

**Don't you want a faith that  
functions and works in your  
everyday life?**

**Trials**

**Temptations**

**Decisions**

**Money**

**Power of  
our tongue**

**Anger**

**Favoritism**

**Judgement-  
alism**

**Arguments**

**Planning**

**Sickness**

**Praying**

**Suffering**

**Confessing**

**A faith that is worth sharing.**

**The Book of James was Written in the mid 40's AD. It is more or less a commentary on the teachings of Jesus.**

**James is one of the most  
misunderstood books in the entire  
New Testament.**

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# Hammer & Chisel

James 1:1-11

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James 1:1

**Who was James? \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>13</sup> When they finished, James spoke up. “Brothers,” he said, “listen to me. <sup>14</sup> Simon has described to us how God first intervened to choose a people for his name from the Gentiles.<sup>19</sup> “It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not **make it difficult** for the Gentiles who are turning to God.

Acts 15:13-14;19

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**James roots his identity in who  
Christ is.**

**Where do you find your identity?  
What defines who you are as a  
person? \_**

**Basing our identity on anything other than Christ will only lead to a sense of deep disappointment and an identity crisis.**

**Allowing Christ to define you is the most freeing and stress relieving action that you could ever take.**

**Where do you find your identity and  
have you been looking in the wrong  
places to get purpose?**

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**James is writing to people who were dispersed among people who don't **live like** them or **believe like** them.**

# James's 3 most important takeaways

**1) Trials are awesome**

<sup>2</sup> Consider it **pure joy**, my brothers  
and sisters, **whenever** you face trials  
of **many kinds**,

James 1:2

Looking back at our trials is **easy**, but having joy when they are looking at you in the face is **almost impossible**.

**Sometimes we suffer based on **our choices**, sometimes based on **other's choices**, sometimes because we are living in a **fallen world**, and sometimes because God **has a purpose** in wanting us to walk through a difficult season.**

**Why would God test us?**

<sup>3</sup> because you know that the **testing**  
of your faith **produces perseverance.**

<sup>4</sup> Let perseverance **finish its work** so  
that you may **be mature and**  
**complete, not lacking anything.**

James 1:3-4

**What does perseverance look like  
practically? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Do in me whatever you need to do  
so that I can look more like Jesus.**

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**1) Trials are awesome**

**2) Wisdom is difficult**

<sup>5</sup> If any of you **lacks wisdom**, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. <sup>6</sup> But when you ask, you **must believe and not doubt**, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

<sup>7</sup> That person **should not** expect to receive **anything** from the Lord.<sup>8</sup>  
Such a person is double-minded and **unstable in all they do.**

James 1:5-8

**Wisdom isn't just knowing the information. Wisdom is applying the information to your life. We all lack wisdom...**

<sup>2</sup>My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the **full riches of complete understanding**, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, <sup>3</sup> **in Whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**

**Jesus **is** the author of all creation  
and by default is the author of  
wisdom. All other sources are  
**counterfeit.****

**It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.**

**1 Corinthians 1:30**

**“Christ is the Wisdom of God in me  
lived out in my everyday life.”  
-Pastor Adam Flynt**

**What does wisdom practically look  
like?**

**I'm going to ask in faith for the  
wisdom to handle the situation in a  
way that honors God without  
doubting.**

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**3) Money is a tool**

<sup>9</sup> Believers who are poor have **something to boast about**, for God has honored them. <sup>10</sup> And those who are rich should boast that **God has humbled them**. They will fade away like a little flower in the field. <sup>11</sup> The hot sun rises and the grass withers; the little flower droops and falls, and its beauty fades away. In the same way, the **rich will fade away with all of their achievements**.

James 1:9-11

**Poor's Hope - they are coheirs with  
Christ**

**The Rich - remaining humble. God  
gave you your wealth so that you  
could bless and impact the lives of  
others.**

**<sup>19</sup> “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

**Matthew 6: 19-21**

**Where do you get your identity from,  
what is the source of your wisdom,  
and how are you using what God has  
given you for His glory?**