

LIFE MATTERS: THE BOOK OF JAMES
Week One: An Introduction

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Imagine growing up in the home of Mary and Joseph...

- Matt. 13:54-57 John 7:3-5 Mark 3:20, 21
- JAMES 1:1

What do we know about James...

1. He witnessed the _____ Christ.

- 1 Cor 15:4-8

2. He became a _____ in the church at Jerusalem.

- Gal. 1:18-19 Acts 12:17 Acts 21:18 Acts 15: 13

The Book of James is written to the 12 tribes scattered...

- Acts 8:1
- James falls into the hermeneutical classification called a _____.

The theme of the Book of James is _____.

- Faith is _____, but it is how you live faith that really _____.
- James 2:14 James 2:18-19 James 2:20 James 2:25 James 3:13

Lessons We Will Learn from James:

1. When real faith is stretched it doesn't _____ but produces _____ (Chap. 1).
2. Real faith and love have _____ (Chap. 2).
3. Authentic faith is expressed with _____ and humility (Chapters 3 and 4).
4. When real faith is tested it doesn't _____ but finds _____ (Chap 5).

Because We Believe in the Power of Prayer... These Requests Have Been Made...

The Book of James An Outline

Dave & Terri Johnson: Please continue to pray for Dave's brother, Rick. He is not doing well and the doctors' continuing to run tests in the hope of figuring out what is wrong.

Jerry & Christine Welch: Jerry will have cervical fusion on September 12th. Pray for success.

Gerry Ross: Pray for my mom's back to feel better.

Claudia Moberg: Please pray for our Missionaries and our Military too!

Other requests...

Marilyn Hughes and Marnelle Marchese damaged ankle...*Chayana Frahm* stomach reflux...*Carole Fredrikson* back problems...*Bonnie Sanford* (frequent guest) for healing of fractured vertebra...*Wilma Flanagan, Jim Almond, Fred Bonney, Al Poland* and *Phoebe Hruska* health issues...*Jack Pierce, Diane Rude, Audey Cutler, Randy Wakefield, Marty Webb, George Schwabach, Don Ealy, Leonard Almond, Bob Edwards, Juanita Owen, Vicki Tazy, Scott Morris,* cancer...*Rob Neill* and *Bill Turbin* heart problems...*Bonnors Ferry Church of Christ..Doran Linder, Chad Turnbull, Chris Henrikson, Tim Peterson* serving in Iraq.

- A. An overview of Authentic Faith 1:2-27
 1. Testing, Wisdom and Joy 1:2-11
 2. Testing produces blessedness 1:12-18
 5. Pure speech contains no anger 1:19-21
 6. Obedience requires generosity 1:22-25
 7. Summary statement 1:26-27
- B. The excellence of poverty and generosity 2:1-26
 1. No partiality is allowable 2:1-13
 2. Generosity is necessary 2:14-17
- C. The Demand for pure speech 3:1-4:12
 1. Pure speech has no anger 3:1-12
 2. Pure speech comes from wisdom 3:13-18
 3. Pure prayer is in trust 4:1-10
 4. Pure speech does not condemn 4:11-12
- D. Testing through wealth 4:13-5:6
- E. Closing Encouragement 5:7-20
 1. Endurance 5:7-11
 2. Helping each other through prayer 5:12-20