

# Living Faith

James 1:1

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**BIG IDEA: A living faith in the living Savior reorders your life.**

## I. New Identity (v. 1a)

James 1:1a | "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,"

Matthew 13:55 | "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?"

Mark 3:20-21 | "20 Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. 21 And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, 'He is out of his mind.'"

John 7:5 | "For not even his brothers believed in him."

1 Corinthians 15:3-7 | "3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles."

## II. New Priorities (v. 1b)

James 1:1b | “To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.”

Acts 1:14 | “All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.”

Galatians 1:18-20 | “18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. 19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord’s brother. 20 (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!)”

Galatians 2:9 | “and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars,”

James 1:16-18, 21 | “16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures...21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”

James 1:25 | “But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”

## Benediction

James 1:21-22 | “21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”