

James - Practical Living

From Pain 2 Purpose

09:55 am 5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO

10:00 am **LIVE Worship –

10:25 am **LIVE In House Welcome –

WELCOME to The Peak CC

Welcome our Church Online Platform –

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.

If this is your 1st time or perhaps you've been with us before but haven't engaged... Please fill out

***Online Connect Card * -> RightNow Media**

10:30 AM ****Announcements Video** - Tithing

10:32am LIVE SHOT – Welcome - Pastor *Self Intro* -

NEXT-GEN: 9am Sundays @ Balcony -

Sunday School: 1st things 1st 9am Sundays 2nd floor.

Life Groups Home Groups 7pm Mon Nights - coming soon April - Host Family Needed

Men's Fellowship 8:30 am Michael Frazese - @YAG 253 Mahopac Ave



True North Youth Ranch - HAY DRIVE - PonyTails

sending out an email

**Leadership Summit: - Great turnout / Content / Communication
Self - Awareness**

Worship Beyond Walls - RIGHT HERE>>> Last Night... AMAZING



Last week we started a new sermon series called “How Then Shall We Live in the Real World”

What does it mean to be a follower of Christ? How should the EMPTY Grave affect the way we live??

I was led to look at one life in particular that displays & teaches these very points. One that was in direct contact with Jesus however, chose NOT to follow Him while alive...

There's always been something special about the bond between siblings. Growing up together in the same household, having the same teachers, horsing around and playing pranks. No one usually knows you better than your sibling. - share the deepest secrets, trust with the most important issues...

5 For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

How do a bunch of cowering, broken, fearing for their own lives.... followers, friends, & family members of Jesus transition to FEARLESS, Authoritative, confident, faithful believers of Jesus

From doubting to defending

each one transformed...

As we glance into the life of Jesus' own Brother Yacob or who actually wrote the Book of James..

VIDEO *RightNow Media* How to Read James

Let's begin to exegete

James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad:

① male slave as an entity in a socioeconomic context

② one who is solely committed to another, slave, subject

legitimate BROTHER

Slave to Christ

Adding some context to the text approximately 20 years before writing this Epistle... listen to what he experienced...

ACTS 5:12-42 NKJV

12 And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. 13 Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. 14 And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 15 so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. 16 Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

- **signs & wonders were characteristics of the early church. They are STILL equally intended to be expected TODAY!! (1 Corinthians 12)**
- **The shadow of Peter was not magic nor was it intended to provide a formula.... Sometimes God uses a physical object as a point of reference to connect the seen w/ the unseen...**

**The Bread & Cup of Communion
The Water of Baptism
The Anointing Oil
Even Handkerchiefs & Aprons**

How many people know that you can get punished for doing what you're supposed to do?

Imprisoned Apostles Freed

17 Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, (Grk. *zelos* lit.zeal, jealousy) 18 and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. 19 But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 20 “Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.”

21 And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

Apostles on Trial Again

22 But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, 23 saying, “Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!” 24 Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be. 25 So one came and told them, saying, “Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!”

26 Then the captain went with the officers and brought them *without violence*, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. 27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them, 28 saying,

“Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, *and intend to bring this Man’s blood (Jesus) on us!*”

29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: “*We ought to obey God rather than men.* 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you *murdered* by hanging on a tree. 31 Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

Gamaliel’s Advice

33 When they heard this, they were *furious* and *plotted to kill them.* 34 Then one in the council stood up, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in respect by all the people, and commanded them to put the apostles outside for a little while. 35 And he said to them: “Men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these men. 36 For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing. 37 After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed. 38 And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men,

it will come to nothing; 39 but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it—lest you even be found to fight against God.”

40 And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. 42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

- Angelic involvement - Birth, Resurrection, & Ascension. *Freed imprisoned Apostles*, led Philip to an evangelistic opportunity, *Told Cornelius how to connect w/ Peter to hear the gospel*, 12:23 Struck Herod w/ judgment, *Encouraged Paul who was caught in a killer storm*
- Ministering Angels who are STILL active in the lives of believers... Actively used in prayer life.
- What they were asked to do infuriated the authorities\
- V41. Rejoiced to be counted WORTHY to SUFFER Shame for His Name.

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20 years later James writes...

Greetings.

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, (Grk. *peirasmos* refers to an unwelcome or unexpected experience, trials in general, or to specific hardships such as persecution, sickness, and poverty)

3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

Who's in the common practice of praying for patience??

But let patience have its *perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

***Mature and Complete: Those who are suffering should have joy because trials serve as a path to Christian maturity.**

GYM: Resistance Training - beginning sucks ... 1st 5 min on treadmill... give UP!!!!... But when you do it consistently... train, lift, endurance.... what begins to happen?? cut fat, grow muscle, get stronger, lighter, leaner, YOU LEARN TO EMBRACE THE PAIN... You CAN SEE THE CHANGE!!!

Complete and mature individuals *show integrity* and single-minded devotion to God; they are characterized by godliness.

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, (σοφία, wisdom, the highest intellectual gift, of comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God; (prudentia) practical wisdom, that endowment of heart and mind which is needed for the right conduct of life.) let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Prayers that are released in doubt... *But let Your Will be done oh' God...*

Do we NOT know what the will of our Father is?

When you KNOW the Will of your Father you can walk, pray declare those things with confidence

You can embrace the season you are in... begin to change your strategies using WISDOM *prundetia* & capitalizing on the opportunities to become *Mature & Complete* in Jesus Christ.

Did you learn something this morning? Did you tangibly feel His Presence?

I hope you are excited for the next several weeks as we learn to apply these teachings into our daily living... learn to walk in the newness of LIFE... ??

CALL TO ACTION

None of this will make any sense until you come to a place of asking HIM to enter into your heart. To wipe out the sin & cleanse your conscience

The Lord says draw near unto Him... & He'll draw near unto you... It's up to YOU to make that move... Are you ready to be set free?

Would you give me an opportunity to pray for you right now? This altar is open.. for you..

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”**

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!

See you next week....

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