

The Stabilizer (Prayer of Confidence) (11:15am)

Types of Prayer Part 10

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James 1:1-8 (NKJV)

Introduction: The book of James serves as a powerful call to **authentic Christian living**, emphasizing that faith must be demonstrated through action. Written by James, the half-brother of Jesus and a leader in the early Jerusalem church, the letter was addressed to Jewish Christians scattered across the Roman Empire who were facing persecution and hardship.

1. **Joyfully (Chara, calm delight) dealing with trials (James 1: 2-3 NKJV)**
 - a. In life we will have different types (unknown) trials.
 - b. How do you deal with a new trial?
 - c. Trials can be viewed as opportunities for spiritual growth, a testing of your faith, and an increase of patience.
2. **Encouraging Spiritual Maturity**
 - a. James emphasizes becoming “perfect and complete,” meaning spiritually whole and consistent in character thru **patience (James 1: 4 NKJV)**
 - b. In other words, you have to separate the “old you from the new you!”
3. **The Power of a Faithful Prayer for Wisdom (The Stabilizer)**
 - a. If you don’t know how to conduct yourself during a trial, **ask God** for Wisdom
 - b. Ask God believing **without doubting**
 - c. Faith Triumphs in Trouble (**Romans 5:1-5**)

Jeremiah 29:10-14 NKJV

In other words, I will stabilize you!