



Standing Strong In The Storms of Life Trusting God's Divine Plan James 1:2-4

Matthew 13:55

Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

Mark 6:3

"Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?" And they took offense at Him.

John 7:5

For not even His brothers were believing in Him.

Mark 6:4

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own household."

Mark 3:21

When His own people heard of this, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "He has lost His senses."

dispersed - *dispora* -
dia - through
spora - to sow

**The point of James is to show that if our faith is real then it will be manifested to all around us in our works not visa versa.

What Trusting God's Plan Looks Like To Those Around Us:

1. They Notice When We Are Living In The Fullness Of His Joy

consider - *hegeomai*
- to lead; to put out front
- let this lead out

2. They See Us Resting In Christ Even In The Unexpected Seasons Of Our Lives

3. They See Us Embracing His Wisdom And Grace

2 Corinthians 12:9

1 Peter 4:10

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Ephesians 3:10

so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

4. They Watch Us Growing Instead Of Folding In The Tests Of Life

James 1:3 -

knowing

- coming to know by experience

testing

- to prove something is genuine

produces

- to place it or display it so that all can see

James 1:4 -

endurance

- His ability in us to enable us to bear up under the storms

perfect

- the accomplishment of something

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