

## Faith Resolutions

### Week 1: I Will Endure Trials

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#### Scripture:

James 1:1-12

#### Motivation (Why You Need to Know It):

What is a resolution? It's a decision and determination *to do* or *not do* something.

*Resolutions are birthed from knowing that I'm not where or who I should be.*

- I'm not satisfied with how I act/react (I'm not who I portray)
- I'm not satisfied with how I think (I'm too up or down on myself)
- I'm not satisfied with how I speak (I don't think before speaking)
- I'm not satisfied with how I progress (I'm staying the same or moving backward)

#### **Three Steps to a Resolution -**

- **A Decision to Change** (this is not enough by itself)
- **A Plan to Progress** (where the real work happens)
  - **Commitment to the Truth**
  - **Measure the Outcome**
  - **Choose Accountability** (God's Word and others who care about you)
- **A Commitment to Endure** (Some quit at the first sign of failure)

Most never move past the first step because they don't prepare for the next two steps.

## Information (What You Need to Know):

Scripture is full of resolutions.

James wrote about faith resolutions that every Christ follower should have as a part of their daily life.

### *Who was James?*

- Oldest half-brother of Jesus
- Rejected Jesus as Savior but later believed  
**John 7:5 (ESV)** For not even his brothers believed in him.
- Co-laborer with Apostles/Leader in Jerusalem Church
- Martyred for his faith (AD 62)

### *Why was James writing?*

- Challenge to persecuted Jewish Christians to be faithful (Acts 12)  
**James 1:1 (NLT)** This letter is from James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am writing to the “twelve tribes”—Jewish believers scattered abroad. Greetings!
- Combat worldliness and fighting in the church (James 1:27; 4:4)
- Encourage to live out one’s faith, be a doer and not just a hearer

We’ll be talking about the *13 Faith Resolutions in the book of James*.

First Faith Resolution – I Will Endure Trials.

### *Three Steps to a Resolution:*

#### *Decision to Change - Trials are to be embraced, not escaped*

- An Opportunity for Joy  
**James 1:2 (NLT)** Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.
- An Opportunity for Endurance  
**James 1:3 (NLT)** For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.
- An Opportunity for Maturity  
**James 1:4 (NLT)** So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

**An untested faith is a weak faith.**

## **Plan to Progress – Ask for God’s wisdom during trial**

Wisdom – God-given perspective in practical matters

- **Seek God’s Wisdom First**

**James 1:5 (NLT)** If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

- **Seek God’s Wisdom in Faith**

**James 1:6 (NLT)** But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. **7** Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. **8** Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

## **A Commitment to Endure – Remain patient during trial**

**James 1:12 (NLT)** God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

- **God Blesses those who Endure** (inherits maturity and confidence in God)
- **God Rewards those who Endure** (inherits eternal life)

### **Application (What You Need To Do):**

What is your trial?

What is your plan to progress?

How will you endure?