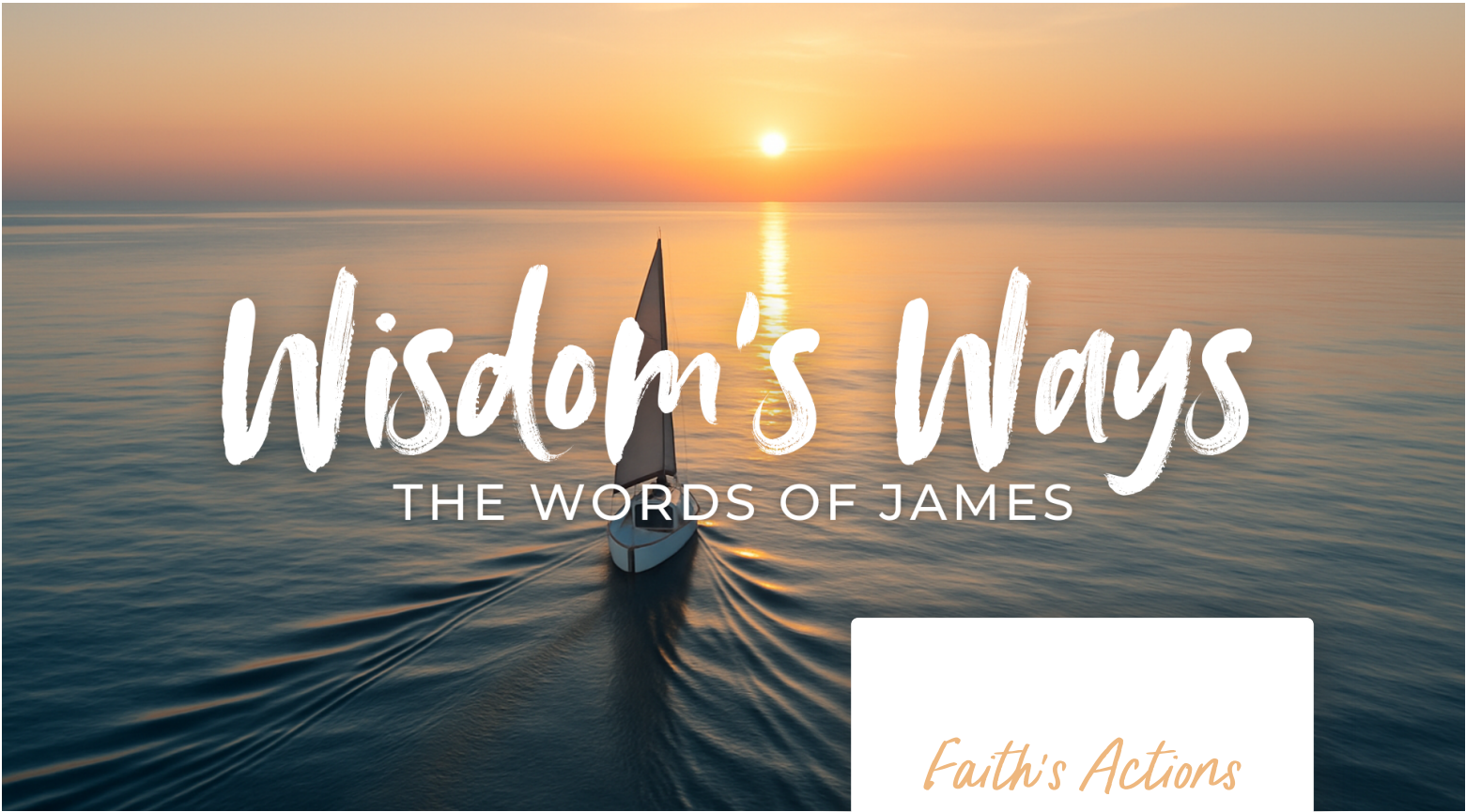




Wisdom's Ways

THE WORDS OF JAMES

Faith's Actions

**The way of faith
moves belief
into action.**

SERIES SUMMARY

Before Jesus' death and resurrection, His siblings had their doubts. What sibling wouldn't, right?! Yet His brother James became a pillar of the early church and a teacher whose words still shape disciples today.

His letter is blunt yet brimming with practical wisdom, calling us to embrace joy in trials, reject favoritism, put faith into action, guard our words, and walk humbly with God.

Through this series, the words of James will help us uncover *Wisdom's Ways* for following Jesus here and now.

ICEBREAKER

What's your favorite action movie?

SCRIPTURE

Read the following wisdom literature:

- Psalm 15:1-2
- Proverbs 14:23
- Proverbs 20:11



LEARNING FROM HIS STORY

1. At some level, a right action is a right action. Why does it need to come from a right heart (Psalm 15:2)?
2. What happens when someone's life doesn't match their claimed beliefs? How does that affect others' perceptions of faith?
3. What are the signs of someone whose faith isn't producing fruit?

EXAMINING OUR OWN STORY

4. When you find yourself getting lazy in your faith, what do you find is most often a cause?
5. Where do you tend to feel a tension between what you believe and how you behave?
6. Do you find it easier to talk about your faith or to live it out? Why?

WRITING A NEW STORY

7. How can we cultivate a faith that works without falling into the trap of seeking to save ourselves by our works?
8. How can we put our faith into greater action without it coming across as showy or for public approval?
9. What specific examples of faith in action do you hope your kids & grandkids will someday say they saw in you?

TAKING TIME TO PRAY

Ask God to help our faith show up clearly in the ways we live. Invite Him to strengthen the connection between what we believe and what we do.

