



James Faith that Works

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Introduction to James “Faith in the Face of Trials”

James 1:1-12

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Theme: When it comes to practical Christian living, the letter of James is perhaps the most down-to-earth, nuts-and-bolts, rubber-meets-the-road book in the New Testament. James doesn't pull any punches when it comes to authentic Christian living. "You say you believe," he says, "but do your actions demonstrate authentic faith—a heart that has been truly changed by the power of God?" Authentic faith doesn't just talk the talk. It walks the walk.

Outline:

1. The Author (James 1:1a)

2. Some Characteristics of the Letter

3. The Recipients and Date (1:1b)

4. The Theme: Faith that Works

5. The Occasion: Faith Under Fire (1:2-12)

a. Our Attitude in Trials (v. 2)

b. The Purpose of Trials (vv. 2-4)

6. The Resources to Grow through Trials (vv. 5–11))

a. Wisdom (v. 5)

b. Faith (vv. 6–8)

c. Humility (vv. 9-11)

7. The Reward of Perseverance (v. 12)

Takeaway: Persevering in trials by faith produces spiritual maturity.

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