



**Scripture referring to James:** Matthew 13:55; John 7:5; 1 Corinthians 15:3-7; Acts 1:12-14

**How do we know the resurrection to be true?**

- 1. Eyewitness testimony
- 2. Consistent accounts
- 3. Martyrdom
- 4. A global movement
- 5. Life change

**The resurrection changes lives.** Has it changed yours?

*“If the resurrection is true, then everything’s going to be alright.”*  
— TIMOTHY KELLER

**How do we view trials as pure joy?**

- » **Reframe** our perspective.
- » **Identify** the temptation.
- » **Cling** to our hope.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Men’s Event** tonight at 6:00 PM

**Habitat for Humanity Build** on Sept. 21 at 9:00 & 10:30 AM

**Women’s Bible Study begins** on Sept. 23 and Sept. 25

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# STUDY QUESTIONS

## GETTING STARTED:

### James' Transformation:

James, at first, didn't believe in Jesus as Messiah, but the resurrection changed everything for him. What was the turning point for you in your faith? Is there anything that you're still wrestling with in fully believing?

## A DEEPER DIVE:

### Read James 1:1-18.

- Why do you think James identified himself in this way, rather than as Jesus' half-brother?
  - Who are the recipients of this letter, and what are they going through?
- James says to *"consider it pure joy"* when we face trials. That sounds crazy when you're hurting. Think about something you're going through right now. How might reframing your perspective help you see how God is in your trial?
- Sometimes people turn to God when they are hurting because they want the hurt to go away. How do you see people respond to God when the hurt is still there? How might you be able to help them see God working differently?
- In verse 12, James writes, *"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trials..."* yet trials don't always feel like blessings. What does James mean here?
  - What is the goal of our enduring? How does that give you hope in your trial?
- What does James write about temptation and its role in our trials? In what ways does temptation show up in your life, especially when facing a difficulty?
- James ends this section by reminding us that God does not change. How does that give you hope? In what ways do you want God to show up in your life, just like He showed up for people in the Bible?

## THIS WEEK'S APPLICATION:

In the sermon, we mentioned that to help us view trials as pure joy, we can reframe our perspective, identify what's tempting us, and cling to our eternal hope. **Which of these three do you need to practice the most right now?**