HOW TO LIVE LIKE JESUS
James: Slave of God
James 1:1-11
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James was a half-brother of Jesus.
Can you imagine growing up with Jesus?

James and his brothers and sisters would have been raised to know the Jewish story intimately.

James sees the resurrected Jesus and He believes.

James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.
James 1:1   NAS

James' big brother is the Christ who died on the cross for his sins.

How do we think and live like a follower of Jesus?

BOND SERVANT OF GOD

James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: Greetings.
James 1:1   NAS

When James saw his big brother resurrected he believed and dedicated the next 30 years of his life leading the church in Jerusalem.

Do you have a life verse that reflects that view of life?

My life verse is Galatians 2:20   NAS
> *I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.*

CONSIDER IT ALL JOY

Consider it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
James 1:2-4   NAS

A trial or temptation is an opportunity to think and act like Jesus would at that very moment.

ENDURANCE
Knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.
James 1:3   NAS

If endurance in your faith is increased every time you trust God to help you then it would be wise not to miss an opportunity to invite Him to help you.

BECOMING COMPLETE
And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
James 1:4   NAS

The more we are tested the more opportunity we have to respond in faith creating endurance that leads to more faith that results in lacking in nothing.

When you face trials and turn to God in faith rejoice.