

## James – Week 1

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Written To: Jewish Christians residing in Gentile areas and Christians everywhere

### Purpose:

- To expose hypocritical living – BE REAL!
- To teach best practices for Christian behavior

### We Will Learn:

1. How to LIVE what we believe; prove your faith by your actions: Faith Habits!
2. How to Handle Trials, Temptation and Truth
3. Practical advice and direction for living a strong Christian Life, EVERY DAY!  
(not just on Sundays or easy days, but on hard days, and cancer days and work days and disappointing days and exhausting days)

### We Will Build Into Our Lives:

- Faith and Action
- Controlling our Words
- Overcoming Adversity and Anxiety
- Building a Stronger Prayer Life
- Cultivating Joy and Developing Gratefulness

### Read James 1: 1-12

GROUP ACTIVITY – (See back)

Trial: \_\_\_\_\_

Endurance (BLB)– The characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety (quality of being reverent) by even the greatest trials and suffering.

We are going to be STRONGER, WISER, BETTER and READY!

**GROUP ACTIVITY:**

How would you define trials? Write out a group definition.

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What is your natural (first) reaction to trials and difficulties?

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Write out 1 Peter 1:6-7:

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Compare this scripture to what we read in James. As a group, discuss what the Bible is teaching you.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What changes/adjustments do you need to make to live by these truths?

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**Application:**

If you are comfortable, share a trial that you are facing. Spend some time praying for one another and thank God for the good He is bringing about in your life through that trial.