



A STUDY ON THE BOOK OF JAMES

FORGED

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A LETTER FROM PASTOR BRYAN

Dear gracespring,

We are about to embark on a journey that will not be easy, but is necessary for us to BE THE CHURCH God has called us to be. The *Book of James* will be our roadmap as we press into the Biblical priority of an active faith. We have entitled this series 'FORGED', because it is in the activity of a disciple of Jesus where our Good Shepherd leads us to depend on Him more deeply, resulting in His melting away our own self-sufficiency, and, in turn, hammering the character and nature of Jesus into our very make up. James will argue that **“a faith that works is a faith that works.”** Yet let me be clear: we do not work for our salvation, but *from* the salvation already accomplished for us by Jesus on the cross and evidenced in the resurrection. So the fruit of our activity simply comes as a byproduct of being connected to Jesus Christ through the guiding and empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

The *Book of James* was not written by one of the twelve disciples, but by the half-brother of Jesus, one who knew Jesus better than anyone. It is interesting to note that James was skeptical that his brother was the promised Messiah and questioned Him throughout Jesus' earthly ministry (*Matthew 31:53-56*). But all of this changed with the resurrection of Jesus. This single event impacted James so profoundly that he would become the leader of the church in Jerusalem, having a powerful voice in the practices of the early Church.

The Book of James is often referred to as the *Proverbs of the New Testament*, demonstrating a faith at work in everyday life, highlighting subjects we can all identify with: trials, temptation, anger, judgmentalism, decision-making, money, the power of the tongue, favoritism, prayer, confession, sharing faith, and healing. It is our prayer that this guide will help to train and encourage you in learning how to “mine for gold” in the Scriptures, helping you to become self-feeders with the help of the Holy Spirit.

I look forward to this journey with you, and encourage you to be in prayer for our church as we allow our Lord to FORGE us into instruments of blessing to a world in need of the Gospel of Jesus.

In His Grip,
Pastor Bryan Tema

EXPOSITION

OF JAMES

The Epistle (or letter) of James was written by James, the brother of Jesus. History shows us that James was not a follower of his brother while Jesus was doing His earthly ministry, but would later have an experience where Jesus appeared to him and the disciples. James would go on to be regarded as one of the pillars of the early church.

James has been declared by some as the Proverbs of the New Testament. His letter is full of practical and applicable teachings for believers as they follow Jesus more intentionally. The letter was written to a primarily Jewish audience in its original context, but it holds great wisdom for today as well. It could be said that the thesis of the letter is that true faith is demonstrated through practical works and actions, not simply our verbal proclamations.

Our desire for you during this series is to see the words of the Holy Spirit, written by James, as a tool that forges you into the image of Jesus. Forging is not an easy process. It requires intense heat, rigorous hammering, abrasive filing, and long periods of time to make the intended object. The word of God does all of these things in our heart when we open ourselves up to Him. Each week you will find the text that will be covered in the sermon, as well

as practical tips for studying the Bible more deeply. We want to encourage you to write all over this guide. Use it as a tool to help shape your heart, soul, and mind. Write out your observations, questions, and the ways the Lord invites you to apply His word. Bring this guide along with you each Sunday and take notes on the pages provided. We pray that this is a blessing as the Lord forges you more perfectly into His image.

Before you dig in, you'll notice some resources on the following page. We want to be faithful to provide every opportunity to point you in the direction of Biblically sound opportunities to immerse yourself in growth. Look throughout the guide for suggestions for our Discipleship Pathway resources to supplement your journey through James. As always, you can head to the [gracespring website](#) to download our weekly discussion questions for small groups.

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WEBSITES

The Discipleship Pathway at gracespring

StepBible

Blue Letter Bible

Verses App



BOOKS AND STUDIES

The Letter of James by Douglas Moo

Eat This Book by Eugene Peterson

The Book of James by Francis Chan
on RightNow Media

FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

The Big Wide Welcome by Trillia Newbell

Boy Have I Got a Problem by Kay Arthur

The Kids Book of James by Allan and Hudson Erselius





CHAPTER ONE

BEING FORMED

For each chapter of James, we'll stop and take a look at the overall theme. James 1 deals a lot with testing, trials, temptation, and pushing believers to be doers of the Word of God. The truth is that we're all being formed by something. We have to make a conscious decision to be formed by Jesus rather than our circumstances or the world. We are formed through our trials, through our circumstances, and through the inputs and outputs in our lives. We'll focus the next three weeks on this idea.

For more information on how we are formed, take a look at the Discipleship Pathway resources: *Belong*, *Grow*, and *Reach* at gspathway.org

WEEK ONE

TRIALS

SYNOPSIS



PICTURED:

MALLETS

USED TO:

STRIKE,
SPREAD,
STRAIGHTEN

As you read through the text, use the OIA method of Bible study. The three steps that will help guide you through the text are: Observe, Interpret, and Apply. Typically you can start by simply approaching the passage with curiosity. Think about plain observations. What does the text say and are there any words or phrases that seem interesting? Take time to write in between the lines and in the margins, circling or highlighting anything that seems interesting or that the Lord draws your heart to. After you've done this, consider using a commentary or concordance (Blue Letter Bible is an excellent resource) to find the meaning and interpretation of what you've marked out. Write out some of these ideas in the margins and between the lines. What does the Bible say about these themes or ideas in other places? Finally, take some time to ask the Lord how He would like for you to apply the passage to your life. Take time to write down your next steps below the passage. We have intentionally laid out a few words with their translations as well as some starter ideas of interpretations for each week of the series. Use that as a jumping-off point.

Theme

Perseverance in the various trials that we go through

Key Word

Trials

Key Verse

James 1:12



GREETING

**1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.**

TESTING OF YOUR FAITH

**2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of
various kinds,**

Joy - χαρά - chara -
gladness, the cause
or occasion of joy

Used 59 times
in the New Testament

Angels declared
tidings of great joy
in Luke 2:10

**3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces
steadfastness.**

**4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may
be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.**

**5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives
generously to all without reproach, and it will be given
him.**

**6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one
who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and
tossed by the wind.**

7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

9 Let the **lowly** brother boast in his exaltation,

10 and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away.

11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes.
So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

12 Blessed is the man who **remains steadfast** under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

What does
lowly mean?

Is it positive or
negative?

Why is he
exalted?

“Remains
Steadfast”
King James
says “endureth
temptation”...

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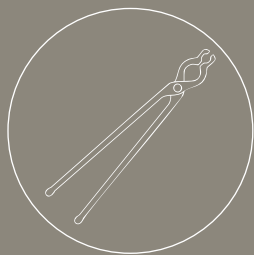
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WEEK TWO

TEMPTATION

SYNOPSIS



PICTURED:
TONGS
USED TO:
GRIP, CONTROL,
MANIPULATE

James gives us a powerful reminder that temptations are not from God, but He uses our temptations to grow us. As you dig into this passage this week, continue using the steps of observation, interpretation, and application to dig more deeply into God's Word.

Theme

God doesn't lead us into temptation - He guards us from it and gives us what we need

Key Word

Fruit

Key Verse

James 1:17



13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

This is a powerful word... I wonder what the Greek translation is?

15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father of lights with whom
there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Father of lights is
an intriguing way
to name God.

18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word
of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his
creatures.

I wonder what
the origin of
this saying is?

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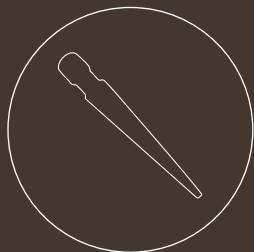
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WEEK THREE

ANGER

SYNOPSIS



PICTURED:
PUNCHES
USED TO:
CREATE HOLES
IN HOT METAL

In this section, James presses into the realm of anger and actually doing what the Word of God says. As you observe, interpret, and apply, spend some time looking at how the thoughts flow in his writing. How does he bridge these ideas and why are they important reminders?

Theme

Obedience to God's Word

Key Word

Doers

Key Verse

James 1:22



HEARING AND DOING THE WORD

19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;

20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Rampant is
a strong word!

What does
it mean?

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.

24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, **the law of liberty**, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

What is the law of liberty?

26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

27 Religion that is **pure and undefiled** before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

How do we define religion that is PURE and UNDEFILED?

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CHAPTER TWO

DOING THE WORK

We looked at the work of formation in chapter one of James. James gives us a lot of instruction on how to be formed into the image of Jesus. Now, in Chapter 2, James moves our attention to the correlation between faith and works. James continues to push believers into the important realization that works are important, but they do not provide salvation. The work that we do for Jesus isn't ever to earn salvation, but to point the goodness of God out to others!

As we look throughout this chapter, consider checking out the Discipleship Pathway resource: *Engaging with Serving God and Others* at gspathway.org

WEEK FOUR

NO PARTIALITY

SYNOPSIS



PICTURED:

KEYS

USED TO:

LOCK OR
UNLOCK

As Chapter 2 kicks off, James turns his attention to the sin of favoritism or partiality. He is intentional to point out that everyone is important to God - not just the affluent or rich, or the people who can offer great talents. He points back to the same heart and thoughts of Jesus at the Sermon on the Mount when he reminds them of not only Jesus' words, but the power of the heart behind them.

Theme

Faith in Jesus is incompatible with favoritism

Key Word

Partiality

Key Verse

James 2:9



THE SIN OF PARTIALITY

Does brothers
mean just men...?

1 My **brothers**, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

2 For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in,

3 and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,”

4 have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court?

7 Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.

9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

11 For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.

13 For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

James is
referencing this
teaching
from Jesus!
(Mark 12:30-31,
Matthew 22:39)

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WEEK FIVE

FAITH WORKS

SYNOPSIS



PICTURED:

APRON

USED TO:

ALLOW
PROXIMITY TO
SHARP TOOLS,
SPARKS,
STAINS, HEAT

In the last half of James 2, we are met with a powerful reminder of how faith and works interplay with each other. We are called to walk through faith and told that we can't earn our faith through works. As we believe in Jesus and follow Him, our works show others that we have become His. This is a clear distinction of our faith. We can never earn the love of God, but we do work to worship Him and show others how good He is

Theme

Genuine faith is proven by works

Key Word

Works

Key Verse

James 2:17



FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD

14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?

Define faith and works.

15 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food,

16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

17 So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

18 But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe--and shudder!

20 Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?

22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;

23 and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”--and he was called a friend of God.

24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

25 And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?

Why it is important
that Rahab is
mentioned?

26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

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CHAPTER THREE

POURING OUT

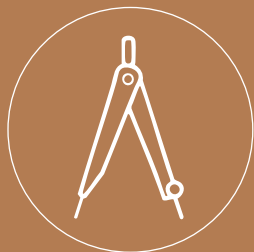
The majority of Chapter 3 of James is spent talking about the idea of how to take the work that's been done inside of us and pour it out into others. James talks about how powerful our tongue is. Our words have the opportunity to cut down or build up. He also shows how to apply the wisdom of God into relationships with others through practical living.

For a deeper dive into these themes, consider taking a look at the Discipleship Pathway Resource: *Engaging with Community* at gspathway.org

WEEK SIX

OUR WORDS

SYNOPSIS



PICTURED:

COMPASS

USED TO:

MEASURE,

ENSURE

PRECISION

How often do you think about the power of your words? James reminds us in Chapter 3 that our words have the power of life and death. This isn't a reminder so that we'll feel guilty, but so that we'll remember that no one is perfect. We all have something to offer to each other, even in our imperfection. These verses serve as a reminder that we need to constantly be checking our hearts and our words to make sure that we are building people up instead of tearing them down.

Theme

Control your tongue - it has the power of life and death

Key Word

Tongue (words)

Key Verse

James 3:6



TAMING THE TONGUE

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

2 For we all **stumble** in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.

Stumble - πταίω

Stumble, fall,
to literally trip

This word is “offend”
in the King James

3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well.

4 Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!

6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.

7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind,

8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

10 From the same mouth come **blessing and cursing.**

My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

Consider studying
the contrast
between cursing
and blessing

11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water?

12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

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WEEK SEVEN

WISE LIVING

SYNOPSIS



PICTURED:

TONGS

USED TO:

PROTECT,

PROVIDE

TRACTION

Chapter 3 finishes and Chapter 4 opens up with a reminder and admonition for followers to keep in mind that God is the one who gives wisdom and provides every good and perfect thing. He argues that friendship and alliances with the world only lead to destruction and damnation. James' ultimate reminder in these passages is that submission to God leads people to wholeness.

Theme

True submission leads to good fruit, while worldly desires lead to sin

Key Word

Submit

Key Verse

James 4:7



WISDOM FROM ABOVE

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

WARNING AGAINST WORLDLINESS

1 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?

2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.

3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

What is “asking wrongly”?

4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

5 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”?

6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

Where else is this
verse found?

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

11 Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

12 There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

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CHAPTER FOUR

BEING REFORMED

Chapter 4 dives into a deep contrast of Godliness vs worldliness and humility vs pride. We see a continued example of the world leading to destruction and Godly living leading to life in abundance. As we think about this exchange, God's continual reminder is that when we are humble, He blesses us. When we are prideful, He humbles us and opposes us. God is constantly forming and reforming us into His image when we follow Him.

To dig deeper into these ideas, a helpful tool might be the Discipleship Pathway Resource: *Embracing Sabbath Keeping*, which teaches us how to rest in His presence and not our own ability, found at gspathway.org

WEEK EIGHT

UNWISE PATTERNS

SYNOPSIS



PICTURED:

FILE

USED TO:

SHAPE,
SMOOTH,
TAKE AWAY
SHARP EDGES

This section is spent looking at wise and unwise patterns that we might fall into. As we continually are formed and reformed into God's image, we have the opportunity to evaluate and embrace different styles of living. Are we going to be people who continually embrace a prideful lifestyle or submit to God in humility? Take time combing through Scripture to find out how these two choices affect us.

Theme

Humility leads to the fruit of the Spirit while worldly pride leads to oppression

Key Word

Humility

Key Verse

James 4:15



BOASTING ABOUT TOMORROW

13 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”

Why are these quotation marks here?

14 yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

15 Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.”

16 As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

WARNING TO THE RICH

1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you.

These are strong words...

2 Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten.

3 Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days.

4 Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.

6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

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CHAPTER FIVE

EMBRACING THE BOUNTY

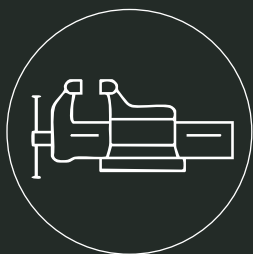
As we have journeyed through the other four chapters, we've seen God move through the process of forming us, teaching us to live out our faith, teaching us how to pour out our giftings and love, and being reformed. We will now look at embracing the bounty that God has given us. Bounty is essentially an abounding gift of good things. Bounty leads us to a place of our patience being rewarded while we approach God with thankfulness.

Embracing Generous Living is an additional Discipleship Pathway Resource that you might consider checking out. It points us to abundance and bounty as a way of life. Found at gspathway.org.

WEEK NINE

PATIENCE

SYNOPSIS



PICTURED:

VICE

USED TO:

HOLD AN OBJECT
STEADY WHILE
ENDURING
EXTERNAL FORCE

Patience is a virtue that is incredibly hard to embrace.

Waiting on the Lord isn't fun, especially when we feel like He has given us a promise. James reminds us in Chapter 5 that patience is essential to the Christian faith. When we are patient and wait on Him, He pours out His blessings on us and we appreciate those blessings all the more because they are long-expected and are difficult to attain. Patience inspires a deeper work in our faith and obedience. Study more on this concept this week.

Theme

We must be patient and enduring because the Lord is coming

Key Word

Patience

Key Verse

James 5:8



PATIENCE IN SUFFERING

7 Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.

8 You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

9 **Do not grumble** against one another, brothers, **so that you may not be judged;** behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

What is the relationship between grumbling and being judged?

10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

11 Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Steadfastness
υπομονή - hypomonē

Steadfastness,
constancy, endurance

12 But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

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WEEK TEN

PRAYER THAT HEALS

SYNOPSIS



PICTURED:

BELLS

USED TO:

SIGNAL, HERALD,
COMMUNICATE

James closes his letter with a benediction, encouraging people to embrace a lifestyle of prayer that not only heals the body, but heals the soul. He gives firm instruction on the importance of living a vulnerable and prayerful life in front of others. How can these charges develop your faith as you seek to embrace them?

Theme

Faith requires action. Our prayer life is important!

Key Word

Prayer

Key Verse

James 5:16



THE PRAYER OF FAITH

13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

Is calling the elders
and anointing essential?

What truly happens?

15 And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.

18 Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

19 My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back,

20 let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

What story is this
talking about?

Where do we find it?

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A BENEDICTION

There's a joy in my heart that shall ever abide
'Tis a joy to the world that unknown;
For in undying love Jesus came seeking me,
And he bro't me again to His own.

I am walking with Jesus in fellowship sweet,
And His glory sweeps over my soul;
All my burdens and sorrows I lay at His feet,
And my spirit is ev'ry whit whole.

Sin can harm me no more, for my Saviour and Guide
Is so near me I never can stray;
In His care and protection I safely abide,
And His love shelters me ev'ry day.

O the sweet and precious joy he gives,
As I walk by His side day by day,
In my heart the blessed Saviour lives,
And His love brightens all the way.

A Joy In My Heart
by Katharine Purvis