



faith in action

a Bible study in the *Book of James*

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bold faith

demonstrated by *intentionally*
modeling Christ and sharing
His timeless truths of the
gospel with others without
compromise in order to
transform lives so Heaven will
be standing room only

Acts 4:29-31; 1 Peter 3:15; Jude 3

welcome to *faith* in action

This 9-week Bible study will help you better understand the Book of James, focusing on being doers of the Word (James 1:22), with a strong emphasis on evangelism and cultivating an ***invite culture*** in the church and daily life.

Weekly Breakdown

- **Scripture Reading:** A selected passage from the Book of James.
- **Teaching:** A simple lesson based on the corresponding passage for all believers.
- **Cross-Reference(s):** 1–3 passages from the Old and/or New Testament to support the Scripture Reading.
- **Biblical Truths by Age:** An age-appropriate principle that applies to all who claim Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- **Discussion Questions:** Theological and reflective questions to discuss with family, friends, and your small group.
- **Evangelism Challenge:** An interactive activity encouraging your witness as a *doer of the Word* and connecting others to Jesus.
- **Prayer Prompt:** A guided prayer prompt to begin your prayer on this related teaching.

week 1

trials and maturity

Scripture Reading: James 1:1–18

Teaching: God uses trials to mature us and make us more effective witnesses.

Cross Reference(s):

- Romans 5:3–5
- 1 Peter 1:6–7
- Hebrews 12:11

Biblical Truth (by age):

- **Seniors (65+):** Your faithful endurance models trust in God's goodness for younger generations.
- **Adults (31–64):** Faith is seen in how you respond under pressure —not just in what you say.
- **Young Adults (18–30):** Trials are your training ground for ministry and mission.
- **Teens (13–17):** Trusting God when things are hard proves your faith is more than words.
- **Children (12 and under):** When you don't give up, you're showing others that you believe God is helping you.

week 1

trials and maturity

Discussion Questions:

- How does James's theology of trials (vv. 2–4) challenge the prosperity gospel or comfort-centered Christianity?
- What does it mean theologically that "every good and perfect gift is from above" (v. 17), and how does that inform our view of God's character during suffering?
- How have trials shaped your faith journey?
- How do trials reveal whether faith is active or passive?
- In what ways can others see your faith in the midst of challenges?

Evangelism Challenge: Share a testimony or story of a personal trial and how God's faithfulness got you through it with someone this week.

Prayer Prompt: "Lord, help me see trials not as punishment but as preparation. Let my life be a witness to Your faithfulness."

week 2

be doers, not hearers only

Scripture Reading: James 1:19-27

Teaching: Faith is visible when we live out what we hear from God's Word.

Cross Reference(s):

- Matthew 7:24-27
- Luke 11:28
- 1 John 3:18

Biblical Truth (by age):

- **Seniors (65+):** Your wisdom should be active in mentoring and example.
- **Adults (31-64):** Model integrity by doing what God's Word says at work and at home.
- **Young Adults (18-30):** Real faith moves beyond knowledge into practice and impact.
- **Teens (13-17):** Showing kindness and obeying what you've learned proves you're serious about your faith.
- **Children (12 and under):** Listening to God and obeying Him shows you love Him.

week 2

be doers, not hearers only

Discussion Questions:

- How does James connect obedience to the Word with one's identity as a believer? (v. 22–25)
- In what way does pure religion (v. 27) reflect God's justice and mercy, and how does this relate to Old Testament law?
- What's the difference between hearing and doing God's Word?
- What obstacles keep us from acting on what we know?
- Who in your life needs to see your faith in action?

Evangelism Challenge: Invite someone to church or a Bible study and serve them in a practical way.

Prayer Prompt: "Lord, help me be a doer of Your Word. Let my life speak louder than my words."

week 3

no favoritism

Scripture Reading: James 2:1–13

Teaching: The Gospel calls us to love and welcome everyone without partiality.

Cross Reference(s):

- Galatians 3:28
- Romans 2:11
- John 13:34–35

Biblical Truth (by age):

- **Seniors (65+):** Reflect God's impartial love toward all.
- **Adults (31-64):** Set the tone of inclusion biblically in your workplace and community.
- **Young Adults (18-30):** Your friendships and outreach to those different from you reflect what kind of faith you're really living.
- **Teens (13-17):** Treat everyone at school as equals—no cliques or judgment.
- **Children (12 and under):** When you include others, you're showing God's love in real ways.

week 3

no favoritism

Discussion Questions:

- How does partiality violate the doctrine of the imago Dei or "image of God" (Genesis 1:26–27)?
- How is the "royal law" (v. 8; Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22:39) both a fulfillment of the Law and a summary of moral principles taught by Jesus to believers?
- How can favoritism hurt the church's witness?
- What can you do to make your home and church more welcoming?
- Who in your life may feel left out and needs your attention?

Evangelism Challenge: Have a meal or coffee with someone who is often overlooked or new to your church.

Prayer Prompt: "Lord, help me see people through Your eyes. Let love, not labels, lead me."

week 4

faith and works

Scripture Reading: James 2:14–26

Teaching: True faith always produces visible, loving action.

Cross Reference(s):

- Matthew 5:16
- Ephesians 2:10
- Titus 2:14

Biblical Truth (by age):

- **Seniors (65+):** Your faith has lasting impact when expressed in service, not just memory.
- **Adults (31-64):** Faith at work, at home, and in the community is how others see Jesus in you.
- **Young Adults (18-30):** Let your faith guide your career and relationships.
- **Teens (13-17):** Saying you're a Christian isn't enough—people need to see it in your actions.
- **Children (12 and under):** When you help others because of Jesus, that's your faith in action.

week 4

faith and works

Discussion Questions:

- How does James's view of faith and works coincide with Paul's teaching in Ephesians 2:8–10 and Romans 4:1–5?
- What role does justification (vv. 21–25) play in James's argument, and how is it distinct from initial salvation by grace?
- What does it mean that faith without works is dead?
- How are you currently living out your faith in action?
- What "good work" might God be calling you to do?

Evangelism Challenge: Help a neighbor or coworker with a need and share why your faith motivates you.

Prayer Prompt: "Jesus, help me to live a faith that moves. Use my hands and heart to serve and lead others to You."

week 5

power of words

Scripture Reading: James 3:1–12

Teaching: Our words either build or destroy our witness.

Cross Reference(s):

- Proverbs 18:21
- Ephesians 4:29
- Colossians 4:6

Biblical Truth (by age):

- **Seniors (65+):** Your words carry legacy and weight—use them to bless.
- **Adults (31-64):** Your words at home, work, and online are a daily testimony of what you believe.
- **Young Adults (18-30):** Let your speech reflect Christ in every setting.
- **Teens (13-17):** What you say to and about others shows what kind of faith you really have.
- **Children (12 and under):** Saying kind things and telling the truth shows that Jesus lives in your heart.

week 5

power of words

Discussion Questions:

- How do verses 9–10 demonstrate a theological inconsistency in our worship and witness, and what does that say about our hearts?
- What does the tongue's power reveal about the doctrine of original sin and the fallen nature of humanity ("depravity")?
- How have words impacted your walk with Christ?
- What steps can we take to control our speech?
- Can faith be real if it doesn't transform how we speak?

Evangelism Challenge: Speak an encouraging word to 3 people and mention God's love to at least one of them.

Prayer Prompt: "Lord, tame my tongue. Let every word I speak bring people closer to You."

week 6

godly wisdom vs. worldly wisdom

Scripture Reading: James 3:13–18

Teaching: The wisdom we live by shapes the culture around us.

Cross Reference(s):

- Proverbs 3:13
- 1 Corinthians 1:25; 2:3–5
- Philippians 2:3–4

Biblical Truth (by age):

- **Seniors (65+):** Sharing peace and wisdom is an active legacy of faith.
- **Adults (31-64):** Godly wisdom is shown in how we treat people and solve conflict, not simply in what we know.
- **Young Adults (18-30):** Wisdom in your decisions reveals a faith that thinks beyond itself.
- **Teens (13-17):** Being gentle and fair is a way to show you really trust Jesus.
- **Children (12 and under):** When you're kind and peaceful, you're showing God's love in action.

week 6

godly wisdom vs. worldly wisdom

Discussion Questions:

- What does James reveal about the nature of godly wisdom, and how does it contrast with the wisdom of the world (vv. 15–17)?
- How is wisdom in James 3 connected to the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23) and sanctification?
- How can you tell if wisdom is from God?
- What situations have tested your wisdom recently?
- How can we model godly wisdom in front of others?

Evangelism Challenge: Offer to pray for someone facing a big decision and share godly wisdom.

Prayer Prompt: "Father, give me wisdom that is pure and peaceable. Let my life attract others to Your ways."

week 7

submit to God

Scripture Reading: James 4:1–17

Teaching: Evangelism flows from a heart surrendered to God's w

Cross Reference(s):

- 1 Peter 5:6–9
- Matthew 6:33
- Romans 12:1–2

Biblical Truth (by age):

- **Seniors (65+):** Let your dependence on God model surrender to others.
- **Adults (31-64):** Prioritize God over ambition.
- **Young Adults (18-30):** Humility and obedience now sets the tone for lifelong action-oriented faith.
- **Teens (13-17):** Real faith means choosing God's way, even when no one else is.
- **Children (12 and under):** Saying "Yes" to God shows you trust Him.

week 7

submit to God

Discussion Questions:

- How does James present worldliness as spiritual adultery (v. 4), and what does this say about the covenantal nature of our relationship with God?
- What is the theological significance of humility and submission to God in relation to spiritual authority and grace (vv. 6–10)?
- What does it mean to submit to God in everyday life and where are you still holding back?
- What does it look like to submit your plans to God through action?
- Can faith be genuine if it constantly resists God's commands?

Evangelism Challenge: Ask God to show you one person to intentionally invest in spiritually this week.

Prayer Prompt: "God, I submit to You. Use my life as an open door to invite others to You."

week 8

patience and endurance

Scripture Reading: James 5:1–12

Teaching: God uses patience to shape our witness in a broken world.

Cross Reference(s):

- Romans 8:25
- Galatians 6:9
- Hebrews 10:36

Biblical Truth (by age):

- **Seniors (65+):** Your enduring faith through the years speaks volumes about who God is.
- **Adults (31-64):** Faith endures difficulty with hope—your patience invites others to ask “why?”
- **Young Adults (18-30):** Learn to wait well while living faithfully.
- **Teens (13-17):** Trust God's timing and don't give up.
- **Children (12 and under):** Being patient shows that you believe God will take care of things.

week 8

patience and endurance

Discussion Questions:

- What warnings does James give to the wealthy (vv. 1–6), and how do these relate to biblical justice and stewardship?
- How does James use the prophets and Job (vv. 10–11) as theological examples of redemptive suffering?
- How is God shaping you through waiting?
- Who's watching your patience and learning from you?
- Why is patient endurance a sign of living faith?

Evangelism Challenge: Encourage someone going through a hard time with Scripture and prayer.

Prayer Prompt: "Lord, grow my patience and let my endurance be a light to others."

week 9

prayer and restoration

Scripture Reading: James 5:13–20

Teaching: Evangelism is deeply connected to prayer, healing, and restoration.

Cross Reference(s):

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- Matthew 18:20
- Galatians 6:1–2

Biblical Truth (by age):

- **Seniors (65+):** Your prayers and shepherding of others display a faith that still works.
- **Adults (31-64):** Being a restorer of people and a prayer warrior shows you truly believe in God's power.
- **Young Adults (18-30):** Don't just talk about people—pray for and pursue them in love.
- **Teens (13-17):** Being honest, praying for others, and helping friends find Jesus shows your faith.
- **Children (12 and under):** Prayer is talking to God, and He listens.

week 9

prayer and restoration

Discussion Questions:

- What theological principles are found in James's teaching on healing and confession (vv. 14–16), and how should they connect to a church's ministerial practices?
- How does James's final exhortation to restore a sinner (vv. 19–20) relate to church discipline and the doctrine of perseverance?
- How does prayer deepen our evangelistic reach?
- What does it mean to bring someone back who's wandered?
- How does our prayer life reflect whether our faith is alive?

Evangelism Challenge: Pray with someone this week in-person or over the phone, and invite them to church.

Prayer Prompt: "Jesus, use my prayers to bring healing, hope, and restoration to others. Help me reach those who have wandered."

notes

what is God is saying to you?

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who's your one?

1 discover your one

Identify **five** of your closest relationships for **each** of the following categories: Family, Neighbors, Work, and Extended Friends & Acquaintances. Mark each person with one of the following symbols: +, X, or ?

2 pray for your one

Circle **one** of the people you marked as X or ? and begin to pray that the Holy Spirit prepares him/her to hear the gospel in order to receive it, as well as prepares you to share the gospel with him/her intentionally.

3 invite your one

Put your faith into action by **investing** in your one through phone call and text check-ins, coffee or lunch meetups, and invitations to church where you sit and worship with them. Your intentional investment will lead to **fruitful** results if you're consistent and persevere in your efforts.

4 rejoice with your one

Celebrate the life transformation in Christ your one is experiencing. Faith milestones to celebrate include:

- **Glorify:** Recognizing God through personal and corporate worship.
- **Gather:** Gathering with God's family through fellowship for deep connection.
- **Grow:** Growing in knowledge and wisdom through discipleship for spiritual formation
- **Give:** Showing God's love through the giving of time, talents, and resources.
- **Go:** Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and personal testimony with others.

discover your one

1

identify

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2

mark

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3

circle

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family

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