



Thank
you

Would you commit to taking action?

James 1:22 (NIV)

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.



LIVING FAITH

A STUDY OF THE
BOOK OF JAMES





LIVING FAITH

A STUDY OF THE
BOOK OF JAMES

**What is the Passage saying within it's
context?**

How does it apply to my life?

To Interpret Plainly:

1. Understand what each word means in its normal grammatical and historical sense.
2. Not exclude figures of speech but seek to understand the plain meaning behind them.

“A few fries short of a
Happy Meal”



To Interpret Plainly:

1. Understand what each word means in its normal grammatical and historical sense.
2. Not exclude figures of speech but seek to understand the plain meaning behind them.
3. Read within the context
4. Recognize the progress of revelation

To Interpret Plainly:

5. Expect the Bible to use phenomenal language. (things are often described as they appear rather than in precise scientific terms)
 - "The Lord God is a sun and shield" - (Psa.84:11)
 - God functions as a source of light, life and protection for the earth and it's people.

To Interpret Plainly:

6. Recognize important divisions of the Bible when interpreting (ie: OT and NT, Prophetic, poetic, etc.)



Krissy Close



Recipients

Scattered Jewish Believers

- James 1:1(NIV) *“James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:”*

Recipients

Wealthy landowners are taking advantage of them

- *James 5:5-7 You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.*
- *7 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming.*

Recipients

They are facing oppression from wealthy individuals.

- *James 2:6-7 “But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? 7 Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?”*

Author

4 Possible James

- *Acts 1:13-14 (NIV) When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, **James** and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; **James son of Alphaeus** and Simon the Zealot, and **Judas son of James**. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his **brothers**.*

The List of Disciples

1. Simon AKA Peter
2. **James son of Zebedee**
(brother of John)
3. John son of Zebedee
(brother of James)
4. Andrew
5. Bartholomew AKA
Nathanael
6. **James son of Alphaeus**
7. Judas Iscariot AKA
Betrayer of Jesus
8. Jude, Judas or Thaddeus
(son of James)
9. Matthew AKA Levi
10. Philip
11. Simon the Zealot AKA the
Canaanean
12. Thomas

Author

James the Father of Judas

- Luke 6:16 “Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.”

Author

James the Son of Alphaeus

- Mentioned only in lists of disciples
 - (Mark 3:18; Matt. 10:3; Luke 6:15)

Author

James the Son Zebedee

- He witness the resurrection of Jairus' daughter (Mark 5:37)
- He witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Mark 9:2)
- BUT... he was put to death by Herod Agrippa I
 - *Acts 12:2 "He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword."*

Author

James the brother of Jesus

- Attained position of leadership in early church

James the Brother of Jesus

*Acts 12:16-17 (NIV) But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. “**Tell James** and the other brothers and sisters about this,” he said, and then he left for another place.*

Author

James the brother of Jesus

- Attained position of leadership in early church
- He dialogues with Paul and makes public speeches

James the Brother of Jesus

- *Acts 15:12-13* “The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them. When they finished, James spoke up. “Brothers,” he said, “listen to me.
- *Galatians 1:19* “I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord’s brother.”

Author

James the brother of Jesus

- Attained position of leadership in early church
- He dialogs with Paul and makes public speeches
- Recognized by Paul to be a pillar of the Christian Church

James the Brother of Jesus

- *Galatians 2:9 “James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised.”*

Author

James the brother of Jesus

- Attained position of leadership in early church
- He dialogues with Paul and makes public speeches
- Recognized by Paul to be a pillar of the Christian Church
- Recognized as author from early Christian writers

Time Written

- 46-49AD
- Josephus puts James martyrdom at 62AD
- During Scattering of believers

Time Written

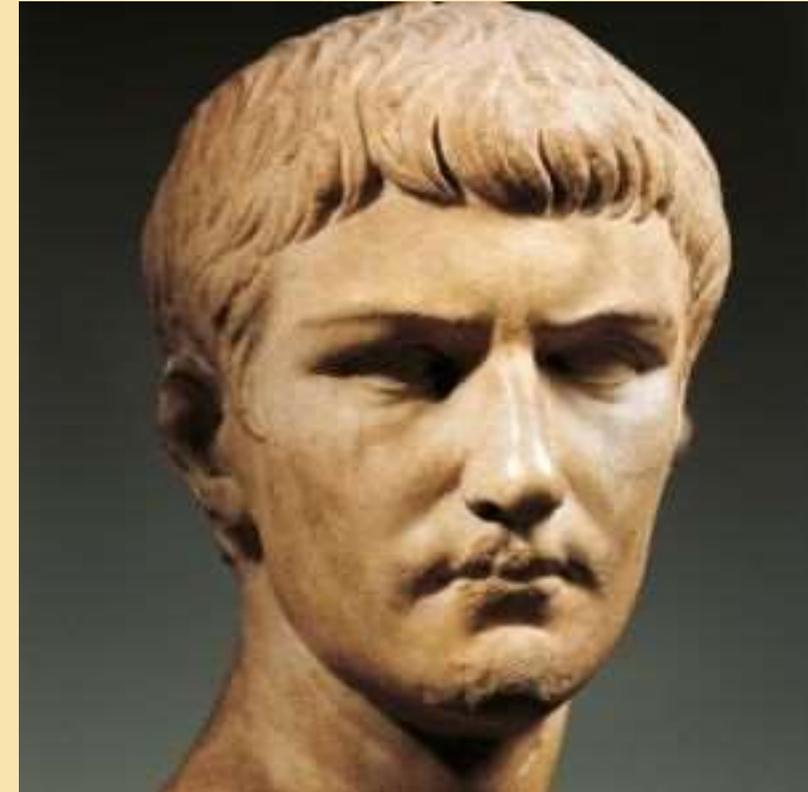
- *Acts 8:1-3 “And Saul approved of their killing him. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.”*

Time Written

- 46-49AD
- Josephus puts James martyrdom at 62AD
- During Scattering of believers
- No mention of Jerusalem Council (AD 49)

Further Context

- Israel under Roman rule since about 63BC
- In 39 AD Emperor Caligula appointed himself a deity
- Jewish War of Rebellion around 66-70AD





LIVING FAITH

A STUDY OF THE
BOOK OF JAMES

**What is the Passage saying within it's
context?**

How does it apply to my life?

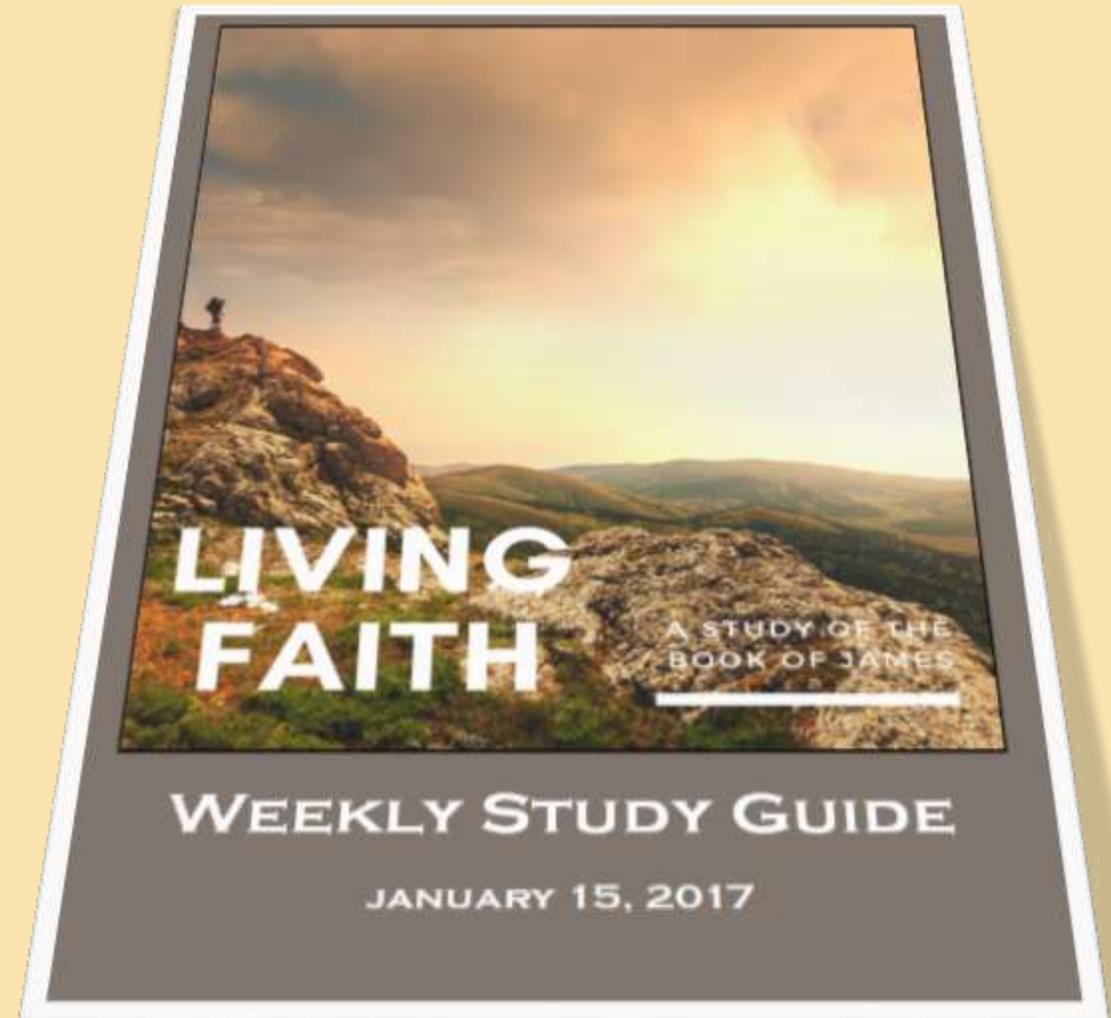
Would you commit to taking action?

James 1:22 (NIV)

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

CHALLENGE

1. Read through the book of James using the quiet time



CHALLENGE

2. Join and attend a Homegroup (signup in the back)



CHALLENGE

3. Invite a friend! (feel free to use invite card)



What if faith meant more?

Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. —James 2:15-17

JOIN US!

9:00am & *11:00am Sundays

**(Youth and children's programs provided during 11:00am)*

28632 NE STELLA ST
DUVALL, WA 98019

www.adventureduvall.com

ADVENTURE CHURCH

CHALLENGE

1. Read through the book of James using the quiet time
2. Join and attend a Homegroup (signup in the back)
3. Invite a friend! (feel free to use invite card)

