



JAMES

The Epistle of James

Date: mid 40s A.D.

Author: half-brother of Jesus (not the Apostle James)

Audience: dispersed, persecuted, Jewish Christians

Style: sermon

- themes introduced and repeated
- vivid, energetic, practical, convicting with 54 commands in 108 verses

Theme: a saving faith is a living faith

"...so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." James 1:4



JAMES 1

Faith through Trials	James 5
Faith that Prays	James 5
Perspective of God	James 2, 3, 4
Perspective on Possessions	James 2, 5
Faith through Temptation	James 4
Faith that Works	James 2
Faith that Speaks	James 3



Meeting Trials (1:1-12)

Overcoming Temptation (1:13-18)

Pure Religion (1:19-27)

Playing Favorites (2:1-13)

Dead or Alive (2:14-26)

Tame the Tongue (3:1-12)

Wisdom from Above (3:13-18)

The Real War (4:1-12)

Navigating Life's Decisions (4:13-17)

Destroying Your Life from the Inside Out (5:1-6)

Waiting Well (5:7-12)

Just One More Thing (5:13-20)

Rhythms of Prayer (5:13-20)



Rhythms of Prayer

JAMES 5:13-20



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JAMES 5:13 *esv*

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



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“Prayer is the voice of faith.” - Billy Graham

Prayer is the voice of faith that **speaks**.

Praise is the voice of faith that **sings**.



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PRAYER

Where does it hurt in your life right now?

What would you like to say to God about that?

What would it sound like to pray that to God now?

PRAISE

God, thank You for _____.

God, You are _____.



PRAY

Pause

Rejoice

Ask

Yes

PAPA

Present

Attend

Purge

Approach

ACTS

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

Reminders

Prayer Lists

Journals

Notecards

Scripture (The Lord's Prayer, Ps 23)

Prayer Points

People



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JAMES 5:14-16 *esv*

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. 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.



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Where do you feel weakness and the effects of sin?

INTERCESSION

I feel _____; will you pray for me?

CONFESSION

I am sorry for _____; will you pray for me?



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JAMES 5:19-20 *esv*

My brothers and sisters, 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.



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Where do you long to witness life-change?

Pray for 1 life-change story in the making by name.

Pray for 1,000 of those kinds of life-change stories.



*Heavenly Father,
In the name of Jesus Christ the Lord,
In the power and presence of the Holy Spirit,
Speak, for Your loved ones are listening.
Open up our minds, hearts, souls, and lives as only You can.
We invite Your examination and treatment.
Thank You for not holding back.
We desire Your very best.
Our lives depend on You now and forever.*

*We invite Your training and testing.
Thank You for never giving up.
We desire full recovery.
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Breathe Your very life into us through Your Word.
Form a living, maturing faith in us by Your Word.
Fill our lives with the Good News and good deeds of
Your Word.
Amen.*



