

The S.T.U.D.Y. Method of Personal Bible Study...
Summary – Title – Uplifts – Difficulties – Your Key Verse

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

Which James wrote *The Book of James*? James, the **BIOLOGICAL SON** of Mary and Joseph, Jesus’ half-brother

How did James refer to himself? “a servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ”

To whom was he writing? “to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion”

What is the Theme of James? **FAITH WORKS!**

James 2:14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ... ¹⁸ I will show you my faith BY MY WORKS.”

Distinctives: The earliest NT letter (AD45)...Very **JEWISH**...Quite different from the other letters of the NT...Jesus is only mentioned **TWICE** by name...Jesus’ influence is plainly evident

FAMOUS VERSES:

- 1:2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds
- 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.
- 1:19 ... let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger
- 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only
- 2:26 ... faith without works is dead.
- 3:8 ... no man can tame the tongue.
- 4:2 ... You do not have, because you do not ask.

- 4:7 Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- 4:8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.
- 4:17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.
- 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.
- 5:16 The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much...

BASIC OUTLINE: Real Faith Works by ...

- Responding properly to trials - 1:1-12
- Responding rightly to temptation - 1:13-18
- Not just hearing God’s Word but doing it - 1:19-25
- Caring for the marginalized and committing to stay pure – 1:26-27
- Treating all people as image-bearers of their Creator – 2:1-13
- Demonstrating true faith through acts of compassion and obedience that costs you something - 2:14-26
- Seeking to rein in the restless tongue – 3:1-12
- Wise Living – 3:13-18
- Choosing friendship with God over friendship with the world – 4:1-10
- Refusing to tear others down and sit in judgment on them – 4:11-12
- Trusting God’s sovereignty over the future – 4:13-17
- Fighting against injustice – 5:1-6
- Patiently staying steadfast in the face of mistreatment – 5:7-12
- Praying in all circumstances – 5:13-18
- Going after brothers and sisters who have wandered away – 5:19-20

PASTORAL CONCERNS:

Genuine Saving FAITH	Gospel-Formed COMMUNITY
Patient ENDURANCE In Trials	Progress Towards MATURITY
Undivided DEVOTION To God	Going After WANDERERS!

James 5:19-20 My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, 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.