

7 Lessons / 12 Sessions



THE BOOK OF JAMES

Recorded Live at MCOG

WITH
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The Book of *James*

AN IN DEPTH LOOK

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TIME MANAGEMENT FOR THIS LIFE GROUP

BASED ON 60-MINUTE SESSION WITH AN AVERAGE VIDEO LENGTH OF 20 MINUTES

VIDEO FOR EACH SESSION (see exact times below).....	20 Minutes
GROUP DISCUSSION (6 questions X 5 minutes each).....	30 Minutes
PRAYER & FLEXIBLE TIME	10 Minutes

APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF EACH VIDEO LESSON

SESSION 1.....	21 Minutes
SESSION 2.....	23 Minutes
SESSION 3.....	16 Minutes
SESSION 4.....	20 Minutes
SESSION 5.....	27 Minutes
SESSION 6.....	19 Minutes
SESSION 7.....	33 Minutes
SESSION 8.....	23 Minutes
SESSION 9.....	15 Minutes
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UNWAVERING FAITH WHEN TROUBLE STRIKES

LESSON 1 - PART 1

James 1:1-2, 1 Kings 10:1, Genesis 22:1

I. INTRODUCTION

The way James describes himself needs to be our mindset:

_____, _____, and _____.

1. The process of developing unwavering faith begins with realizing that “this” is a _____.
2. The test, trial, or trouble didn’t come to kill you; it actually came to _____.

WRITE YOUR OWN PERSONAL NOTES AND REFLECTIONS BELOW



GROUP DISCUSSION

LESSON 1 - PART 1

- 1. We need to have a servant mindset. Share a time when you grew recently in one of these areas.**
 1. Obedience – my will is not tied to my rights, but rather to His will.
 2. Humility – my sense of selfishness is lost in the pursuit of serving God.
 3. Loyalty – to God trumps my preferences and plans.
- 2. Which of the three traits above do you want to work?**
- 3. “Count it all joy” is not always easy. Share a time when you were able to shift your focus from “the trouble” to “the process” that God had for you. How did that work out?**
- 4. What encouraged you the most in this lesson?**
- 5. What challenged you the most in this lesson?**
- 6. Questions & Comments “in the room...”**

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UNWAVERING FAITH WHEN TROUBLE STRIKES

LESSON 1 - PART 2

James 1:3-4

1. The process of developing unwavering faith requires that we submit to a _____ of the heart.
2. Three Bible characters who went through this process include: _____, _____, and _____.
3. The process of developing unwavering faith leads to _____ that _____ but few experience.

WRITE YOUR OWN PERSONAL NOTES AND REFLECTIONS BELOW



GROUP DISCUSSION

LESSON 1 - PART 2

- 1. Share a time when the Lord purged out of your life any of the 5 things listed below. What was the process like & how has this changed your life for the better?**
(1.) Mindset contrary to God's Word. (2.) Wrong Actions (3.) Wrong Attitude(s)
(4.) Wrong Behavior(s) (5.) Wrong belief(s)
- 2. Share a time when the 'process' empowered you to experience steadfastness (cheerful endurance).**
- 3. Cheerful endurance leads to some amazing outcomes in life. Share one outcome that just amazed you.**
- 4. What encouraged you the most in this lesson?**
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WISDOM THAT WORKS – DIVINE DIRECTION

LESSON 2 - PART 1

James 1:5

1. During challenging times our next steps can mean the difference between the _____ of _____ or the _____ of _____.
2. When it comes to giving wisdom God _____.
3. God gives wisdom with an abundance of love because it is _____.

WRITE YOUR OWN PERSONAL NOTES AND REFLECTIONS BELOW



GROUP DISCUSSION

LESSON 2 - PART 1

- 1. Share a time when a decision you made was rooted in your wisdom (and now you can laugh because you have learned from it that God's wisdom would have been better).**
- 2. When was a time when you asked God for wisdom and He gave it to you “generously.” (Generously = simply, openly, frankly, sincerely, & more than enough)**
- 3. In your faith walk how has receiving wisdom from God revealed His abundance of love toward you?**
- 4. What encouraged you the most in this lesson?**
- 5. What challenged you the most in this lesson?**
- 6. Questions & Comments “in the room...”**

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WISDOM THAT WORKS – DIVINE DIRECTION

LESSON 2 - PART 2

James 1:6-8

1. When it comes to giving wisdom, God gives wisdom

_____.

2. When it comes to giving wisdom, God gives wisdom

to _____.

3. We need to ask in faith without doubting. This means

without _____ and/or _____.

WRITE YOUR OWN PERSONAL NOTES AND REFLECTIONS BELOW



GROUP DISCUSSION

LESSON 2 - PART 2

- 1. Have you ever been afraid to ask God for wisdom because of mistakes you made? In situations like that how to you “get over the ‘it’s my fault’” and ask God for His wisdom?**
- 2. Share a time when you prayed for wisdom yet you struggled with ‘hesitation’ or ‘inner conflict.’ (aka doubting) How did you settle the ‘civil war’ in your mind?**
- 3. What is one thing that you need God’s wisdom for today. Share if and only as you feel comfortable...**
- 4. What encouraged you the most in this lesson?**
- 5. What challenged you the most in this lesson?**
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PASSING THE TESTS OF LIFE

LESSON 3 - PART 1
James 1:9-12

1. Neither _____ nor _____ , _____
_____ from the tests of life.
2. God desires us to stand the test _____ a
_____ .
3. When we “stand the test” we _____
as _____ & _____ .

WRITE YOUR OWN PERSONAL NOTES AND REFLECTIONS BELOW



GROUP DISCUSSION

LESSON 3 - PART 1

1. What are your thoughts about the idea that the tests of life are inevitable for all of us?
2. How have you addressed the fear, fretting, dread or anxiety in your mind during times of tests or trials in your own life. What has worked for you to remain calm?
3. Share a time when you 'rose above the storm' and stood out as a good witness.
4. What encouraged you the most in this lesson?
5. What challenged you the most in this lesson?
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PASSING THE TESTS OF LIFE

LESSON 3 - PART 2

James 1:13-15, 1 Corinthians 10:13

1. Don't _____.
2. The greatest saboteur that _____ us back is _____.
3. There is _____ a _____ of _____.

WRITE YOUR OWN PERSONAL NOTES AND REFLECTIONS BELOW



GROUP DISCUSSION

LESSON 3 - PART 2

- 1. Share a time when you sabotaged yourself. What life lesson(s) have you learned from this?**
- 2. How has God inspired you to think differently about your “desires” that are or were contrary to His Word, will and ways?**
- 3. What are one or two things you need to begin doing daily to ensure that you are calm during the next storm in life?**
- 4. What encouraged you the most in this lesson?**
- 5. What challenged you the most in this lesson?**
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James 1:16-18

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GROUP DISCUSSION

LESSON 4

- 1. What are some aspects of God that put you in total awe?**
- 2. In life if you have ever wandered from God (whether you totally drifted away or simply became very lax in your discipleship journey) what got you back on track?**
- 3. Share a time when God blessed you “from above” in ways that truly amazed you.**
- 4. What encouraged you the most in this lesson?**
- 5. What challenged you the most in this lesson?**
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LESSON 5 - PART 1



GROUP DISCUSSION

LESSON 5 - PART 1

1. Have you ever been slow to listen, fast to speak, and instantly angry? How did this hurt your witness and or those around you?
2. If you have learned how to avoid the pitfalls found in question one above, please share how you try to avoid those mistakes. What works for you?
3. What daily disciplines do you practice to help ensure you have radical balance and “clean ears?”
4. What encouraged you the most in this lesson?
5. What challenged you the most in this lesson?
6. Questions & Comments “in the room...”

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WORTHWHILE WITNESS IN A WATCHING WORLD

LESSON 6 - PART 2

James 1:22-27, 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

1. _____ deceptive.
2. _____ and _____.
3. In order for my life to be a _____ witness
_____ is _____.

WRITE YOUR OWN PERSONAL NOTES AND REFLECTIONS BELOW



GROUP DISCUSSION

LESSON 5 - PART 2

1. What are two things that you are not 'doing' that you need to either begin or return to 'doing?'
2. What are some practical ways that we can reject the godlessness of our world and demonstrate love to others?
3. What's one thing you want to work on to improve your witness for Jesus Christ? What are some steps you can take to ensure you succeed this time.
4. What encouraged you the most in this lesson?
5. What challenged you the most in this lesson?
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HIS HOUSE IS BUILT BY LOVE

LESSON 6 - PART 1

James 2:1-7, John 3:16, Ephesians 5:8, 1 John 1:5-9, Galatians 5:27-28

1. We _____ have the _____.
2. Called to be _____ in _____.
3. Our _____ should be to _____ Christ and to
_____ all _____.

WRITE YOUR OWN PERSONAL NOTES AND REFLECTIONS BELOW



GROUP DISCUSSION

LESSON 6 - PART 1

1. How does it make you feel to know that to God we all have the same worth...He doesn't measure people's worth by their wealth.
2. This part of the lesson talks about the 'harvest.' Who can this group pray for to get born again? Share first names if comfortable... (commit to praying for these people as a group)
3. When someone begins coming to church who is very 'different' from us how can we ensure 'snobbery' doesn't spoil the harvest God is trying to send us?
4. What encouraged you the most in this lesson?
5. What challenged you the most in this lesson?
6. Questions & Comments "in the room..."

LESSON 6 - PART 2



GROUP DISCUSSION

LESSON 6 - PART 2

1. How do you show God's love to people who are 'difficult to love?' What has worked for you?
2. If you have ever received a deep inner healing that has now allowed you to love others better...how would you encourage someone who hasn't yet?
3. His house is a 'house of mercy.' How can we demonstrate mercy to others in our everyday lives. How did you do that last week?
4. What encouraged you the most in this lesson?
5. What challenged you the most in this lesson?
6. Questions & Comments "in the room..."

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FAITH THAT IS ALIVE CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING

LESSON 7 - PART 1

James 2:14-26, John 2:14

1. Our faith _____.
2. _____ vs. _____ transformation.
3. _____ (s) shaped by our _____ in God leads to _____.

WRITE YOUR OWN PERSONAL NOTES AND REFLECTIONS BELOW



GROUP DISCUSSION

LESSON 7 - PART 1

- 1. What was a tangible ‘pivot point’ in your walk with Christ where faith came alive for you?**
- 2. In what ways have you seen God transform your life that was beyond your ability to imagine?**
- 3. What was the key belief in God that had to mature for your answer to number two above to occur in your life?**
- 4. What encouraged you the most in this lesson?**
- 5. What challenged you the most in this lesson?**
- 6. Questions & Comments “in the room...”**

PART 2 of the lesson will continue in our next LIFE Group (make sure you sign up when it's time)