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FAITH
JAMES 2:18 • 2013
LIVE IT OUT
THE BOOK OF JAMES
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James 2:18 “But someone may *well* say,
"You have faith, and I have works;
show me your faith without the works,
and *I will show you my faith by my works*."

James

- Show me your faith
- Living faith
- Faith in action
- Faith that works
- Authentic faith
- Faith that is legit
- The behavior of belief
- Walking the walk, talking the talk
- So speak and so act
- Faith: tested and proven
- Faith: professing or possessing?
- Faith: just do it
- ***Faith: Live It Out***

The message of the book of James is that true, genuine, saving faith should show itself in a believer's daily life.

James 1:22 “But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves”

Does James emphasis on works contradict
Paul's emphasis on faith?

Or does James complement Paul's emphasis on faith,
by showing us what true saving faith really looks like?

James is the most authoritative book in the NT in terms of the number of commands found in it.

"He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him." John 14:21

"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome." 1John 5:3

I. Who was James?

A. There are 4 men named James in the NT:

1) James the father of Judas (not Judas Iscariot), Luke 6:16.

2) James the son of Alphaeus. Matt. 10:3 & Acts 1:13.

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A. There are 4 men named James in the NT:

3) James the son of Zebedee and brother of John. Matt 4:21-22

Jesus nicknamed them “the Sons of Thunder” Luke 9:51-56.

James the brother of John was the first of the disciples to be martyred. Acts 12:1-2

I. Who was James?

A. There are 4 men named James in the NT:

4) James the half-brother of Jesus & brother of Jude. Mark 6:3,4

"For not even His brothers were believing in Him." John 7:5

* What changed James & his brothers from unbelievers to believers?

1Cor. 15:7 "then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles…"

I. Who was James?

1:1 “James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ…”

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B. He was a leader in the Jerusalem church.

1) When Peter was miraculously delivered from prison, he requested that this be reported to “James & the brethren” Acts 12:3-17.

2) James moderated the Jerusalem counsel Acts 15:1-20

I. Who was James?

B. He was a leader in the Jerusalem church.

3) When Paul came to Jerusalem at the end of his 3rd missionary journey, he sought out James and the elders and gave a detailed report about the things that God had done through his ministry.
Acts 21:18.

4) Paul referred to James as a “pillar” Gal. 2:9

I. Who was James?

C. His personal life

1) Was he married?

1Cor. 9:5 “Do we not have a right to take along a believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles, and the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?”

2) Was he martyred?



II. To Whom did James write?

"…to the 12 tribes who are dispersed abroad."

Why would God allow His people to be scattered?

Acts 8:4 "Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.

III. Why did James write this letter?

To encourage believers to practice the faith that they profess.

Jesus said, “"If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.” John 13:17

*It is a blessing, not a burden, to live out our faith.

Faith, Live It Out…

- When You Encounter Trials 1:2-12
- In Facing Temptation 1:13-18
- By Obeying God's Word 1:19-27
- By Rejecting Partiality 2:1-9
- By Fulfilling the Law of Liberty 2:10-13
- By Showing it in Your Works 2:14-26
- By Controlling Your Tongue 3:1-12

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- By Submitting to God 4:7-10
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- By Realizing the Deceitfulness of Riches 5:1-6
- By Being Patient 5:7-12
- By Being Prayerful 5:13-20


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