

Student Workbook: The Book of James Bible Study

Session 1: Faith That Works — Even When Life Doesn't

Key Scripture: James 1:1-18

Opening Reflection

What's one experience from your week that tested your patience, faith, or words?

Key Takeaways and Notes

- What does James say about this topic?
- What questions come up for you in reading this?
- How is this passage relevant today?

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Discussion Notes

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Personal Reflection

What's one way this session challenged, encouraged, or convicted you personally?

This Week's Practice

Each morning, pray: "God, give me wisdom for whatever comes my way today." Notice how your attitude changes.

Prayer Prompt

Lord, give me strength in the middle of stress, wisdom in my confusion, and faith when I feel worn down. Amen.

Session 2: Look in the Mirror... and Don't Blink

Key Scripture: James 1:19-27

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This Week's Practice

Take time each morning to look in the mirror and speak a truth about who you are in Christ. Then live it.

Prayer Prompt

God, help me be more than a hearer of your Word. Shape me into someone who acts justly and loves well. Amen.

Session 3: No VIP Seating in God's Kingdom

Key Scripture: James 2:1–13

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This Week's Practice

Notice this week who you tend to treat differently — and intentionally show kindness and attention equally.

Prayer Prompt

Jesus, give me eyes to see people as you do. Help me honor the poor and resist favoritism. Amen.

Session 4: Faith Without Actions is Like a Treadmill with No Power

Key Scripture: James 2:14–26

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This Week's Practice

Do one intentional act of service this week — big or small — and reflect on what it stirred in you.

Prayer Prompt

Lord, may my faith never be just words. Move my hands, feet, and heart into action. Amen.

Session 5: Tame That Tongue — Or At Least Put It on a Leash

Key Scripture: James 3:1–12

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This Week's Practice

Choose one day to intentionally monitor your words. Practice silence when unsure. Speak blessings.

Prayer Prompt

Holy Spirit, guard my mouth. Let my words bring healing, not harm. Amen.

Session 6: Wisdom: It's Not Just for Gandalf Anymore

Key Scripture: James 3:13–4:12

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This Week's Practice

This week, before making a decision, ask: Does this choice reflect peace, humility, and mercy?

Prayer Prompt

God of peace, grant me wisdom that builds rather than breaks. Humble me to walk in your ways. Amen.

Session 7: Your Wallet Isn't Immune to the Gospel

Key Scripture: James 4:13–5:6

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This Week's Practice

Give something this week — time, attention, or money — where there's no return expected.

Prayer Prompt

Lord, help me live like everything I have belongs to you. Make me generous and free from greed. Amen.

Session 8: Patience, Prayer, and Pulling Each Other Up

Key Scripture: James 5:7-20

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This Week's Practice

Reach out to someone who needs encouragement this week. Offer to pray or just listen.

Prayer Prompt

Jesus, grow patience in me, and give me courage to support others in love. Amen.