

# Message Notes

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*James: Faith For The Fight*  
Introduction  
James 1:1  
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- ◆ We're *all* engaged in a \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.
- ◆ *James* shows us the kind of \_\_\_\_\_ we need to \_\_\_\_\_ back!

## Some Background On *James*

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings. **James 1:1**

- ◆ The *author* is James, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ . (Mt 13:55; Gal 1:19)
- ◆ Once a \_\_\_\_\_, he saw Christ \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ . (1 Co 15:7)
- ◆ As a “\_\_\_\_\_” James placed his life \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus’ authority.
- ◆ As “\_\_\_\_\_” James is giving Jesus complete \_\_\_\_\_ of his life.
- ◆ *James* is the \_\_\_\_\_ NT book, written between \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ A.D.
- ◆ Though 1<sup>st</sup> written for \_\_\_\_\_ believers it’s also for \_\_\_\_! (Ro 9:6-8)
- ◆ *James* is \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ while giving \_\_\_\_\_ for living.

Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. **James 2:17**

- ◆ The key *theme*: true \_\_\_\_\_ is confirmed by our \_\_\_\_\_ . (Mt 7:20)
- ◆ Genuine faith is \_\_\_\_\_ revealed by the \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ our lives.

## Beginning the Fight

- ◆ Am \_\_\_, like James, a “\_\_\_\_\_” of God & the Lord Jesus Christ?  
This requires...

❶ Absolute \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 14: 21; Phil 2:12; 1 Jn 2:3-6)

You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. **1 Corinthians 6:19b-20**

❷ Absolute \_\_\_\_\_ (Num 12:3; 2 Sam 22:28; Mic 6:8; 1 Cor 15:9-10)

❸ Absolute \_\_\_\_\_ (Job 1:8; Matt 10:22; Gal 1:10; 2 Tim 4:7)

- ◆ Will \_\_\_, like James let Christ \_\_\_\_\_ as “\_\_\_\_\_” of my life?

# Reading James This Week

As we begin this series as a church, we are asking that you read through the entire book of *James* this week. While *James* addresses many issues, this morning we discovered that the key theme throughout is that “true faith is always confirmed by our actions.” So as you read, consider what James has to say about *true faith* in the following areas (be ready to share in your Life Groups what you discovered):

### 1. Trials & Temptations \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2. Community: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 3. Wealth/Poverty: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 4. Sin/Satan/The World: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 5. The Way We Speak: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 6. Other(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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