

## Introduction and Chapter 1

James, Jesus' half brother wrote this letter around AD (after Christ's death) 45-48 and is said to be the first new testament book written. The pages of James are filled with direct commands to live a life of Faith pursuing God, it will challenge each of us to put action behind our Faith. It's where faith and life collide. Hold on to your seatbelts!

### Verses 1-18

\*"Count it all joy, when you meet trials..." DEFINE and write down your current trial(s) in your life. I believe a faith that can't be tested can't be trusted. What trials have you struggling in life? God knows what it takes to be more like him, trials can make us more like him. Remember we want the pay off but God focuses on the process that shapes us.

\*"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously.." Have you went to the Lord to gain wisdom? Sometimes that is the last place we ask. If God gives us wisdom generously when we do not doubt I encourage you to seek HIM with confidence.

\*"Every good gift and perfect gift is from above.." Now write your blessings in your life.

### Verses 19-27

\*"Be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger, for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.." How can we put this in action day to day?

\*"Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.." Write down one way you can put God's Word into action. How can we put the words in James 1 into action TODAY?

\*GET YOUR TENNIS SHOES ON, it's time to gain some endurance.