



The
Book
of **JAMES**

"Do not merely listen to the word...Do what it says."

James 1:22 NIV

James 1:2 – 8

Faith that Stands the Test of Time



1. I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR HOW I
DEAL WITH “TROUBLES.”

James 1:2 Count it all joy, my
brothers, when you meet trials of
various kinds, (ESV)

- “Joy” is the fruit of what I am
considering! How God will use my
trial to bring about His good.



2. WE MUST BELIEVE JESUS FOR HIS
PURPOSE IN STRUGGLES.

Jas. 1:3-4 for you know that the **testing** of your faith **produces steadfastness.** ⁴ And let steadfastness have its **full effect**, that you may be **perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.** (ESV)

- **Rom. 5:3-5** Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (ESV)



3. WE CAN'T LET OUR "TROUBLES"
CAUSE US TO LOSE OUR FOCUS.

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4. DOUBTS ARE THE ENEMY TO
GODS FRUIT IN OUR TRIALS.

James 1:5, If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But **let him ask in faith, with no doubting**, for the one who doubts is like a **wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.**



5. OUR DOUBTS DIE AS WE
CHOOSE TO BELIEVE IN GOD.

Jas. 1:7- 8 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 **he is a double-minded man**, unstable in all his ways.



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Jn. 20:27-29 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. **Do not disbelieve, but believe.**" ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**" (ESV)



NEXT STEPS

1. Are you doubting God in one or more areas of your life?
 1. Confess your doubts to God today: “I believe, help my unbelief.” Mark 9:23-24
 2. Choose to “stand firm” in your faith in Christ.