

I M M E R S E

The **Bible** Reading Experience™

Faith That Survives the Storm

James 1:1-6; 3:3-6,9-12

(Pg 389,394)

Introduction to James

- A. *James, brother of Jesus, author; leader in church in Jerusalem (Acts 15)*
- B. *AD 50 written*
- C. *To Jewish believers scattered outside of Judea*
- D. *Practical instructions: while in the midst of struggles, opposition, and problems*

1. *Everyone* will encounter troubles in life.
What does the text say is the first step
to overcoming them?

A. *If vs when? V2*

B. *Troubles, trials, stresses*

C. *Consider it. V2*

- *Who am I? V1*

- *Reframe it. V2*

- *Claim His purpose in it. V3*

D. *Opportunity for joy.*

- *Endurance. V4*





2. Getting through trials is a process that invokes questions, indecision. We need wisdom for trials. Have you *learned* the generosity of God for your trials?

A. *Learned. V3.*

- *Who is your God?*

B. *Relational.*

- *Believing in him matters.*

C. *Faith and hope.*



3. We are responsible for what comes out of our mouth. Believers are called to a higher standard bc our hearts have been claimed and cleansed by the Holy Spirit.

A. *Horses and ships. v3*

- *Tongue is a small thing that does much. V5*

B. *Tiny spark sets forest on fire, v5*

- *Tongue is the same. V6*
- *Set your whole world on fire. V6*

C. *Blessing and curse come from same mouth. 10*

- *Surely – this is not right! v10*



Next step.

1. Find the time to read James. Pray before you begin . Pay attention to what the Holy Spirit reveals to that is relevant to where you are in your life. Then, listen and apply it through some action.