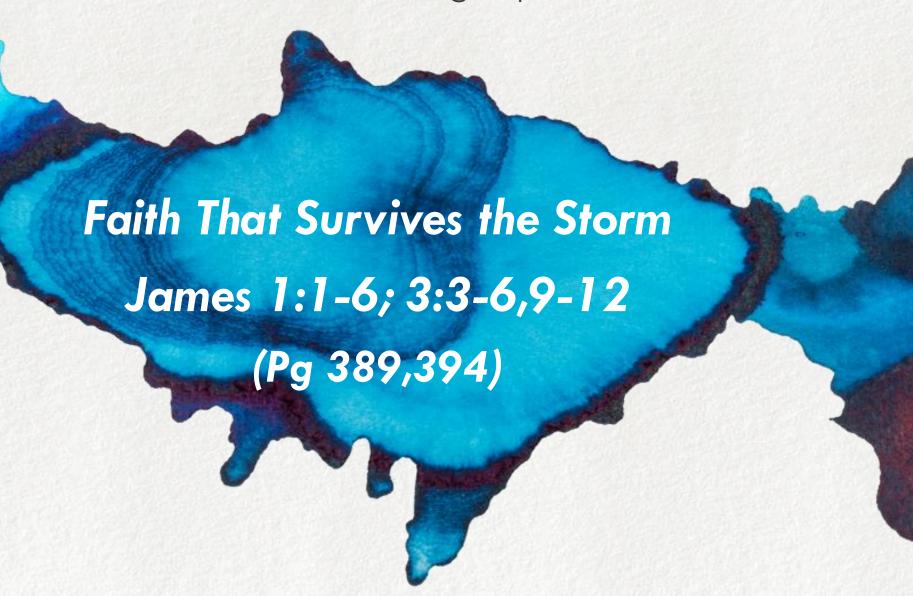
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The **Bible** Reading Experience™



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.