THE BOOK OF JAMES

FAITH IN MOTION

Warning Against Worldliness & Boasting: A Call to Closeness with Our Father



For it is <u>by grace</u> you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, <u>it is the gift</u> <u>of God</u>--Ephesians 2:8-9

'made right...because of what Jesus has done for us.' Romans 5:1 Foundation '...So you have <u>not</u> received a spirit that makes you <u>fearful slaves</u>. Instead, you received God's Spirit when <u>He adopted you as</u> <u>his own children...'</u> Romans 8:14-15

Foundation

'What is causing the quarrels and fights among you?'

James 4:1 NLT

'Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you?'



Jealousy & Envy



Effect



Faith lived out looks like:

Rejoicing spirit James 1:2

Perseverance James 1:12 **Resist Temptation** James 1:13 1 . 1 A doer of the Word James 1:22

Wholesome speech James 1:26 Love your neighbor James 2:8 Merciful James 2:13

'Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.'



Adulterers-unfaithful, betrayal

Friendship with the world-Who am I spending time with? Who am I becoming like?

Enemy of God X2-

Friend of World=Enemy of God

James 4:4

'And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say,

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."



Humble yourselves.
2. 2.Resist the devil. (He will flee).
Come close to God. (God will come to you).
Wash your hands.(Change what you're doing?)
Purify your hearts. (Attitudes).

He gives grace generously

James 4:7-8

It needs to be genuine:

'Tears...sorrow and deep grief...sadness and gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up <u>in honor.'</u>



'Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law....what right do you have to judge your neighbor?'

James 4:11-12

Is speaking evil against others, criticizing and judging others something that makes sense when we have been forgiven so much? Matthew 18: 21-35 - Parable of the Debtor Matthew 7:1-5-Log in your eye

Celebrate & Focus on What You can change!

'Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit..."

James 4:13-16

When, who, where, how long, what, and why. Not just about business, but also about

Our Plans

James 4:13-15

Don't tune out

"You ought to say, 'If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that."

Not magic words, but an Ongoing Conversation.





Old Camel Knees

1. James challenges us to let God transform us. Share a habit that helps you have a closer relationship with the Lord. 2. Is there a challenge you are experiencing, how can other believers support you? 3. Pray together for one another.

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