



Fiery Trials – Part 1

James 1: 2 – 6

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Profound Pithy Phrases

Statements packed with significant meaning often serving as proverbs, wise sayings, and they are easy to remember

They are psychologically true

They are neurologically true

They are biblically true



**IF LIFE GIVES
YOU LEMONS,**

**MAKE
LEMONADE**



Every cloud has a silver lining

**WHEN GOD
CLOSES ONE DOOR,
HE OPENS
ANOTHER ONE!**



Main James Information

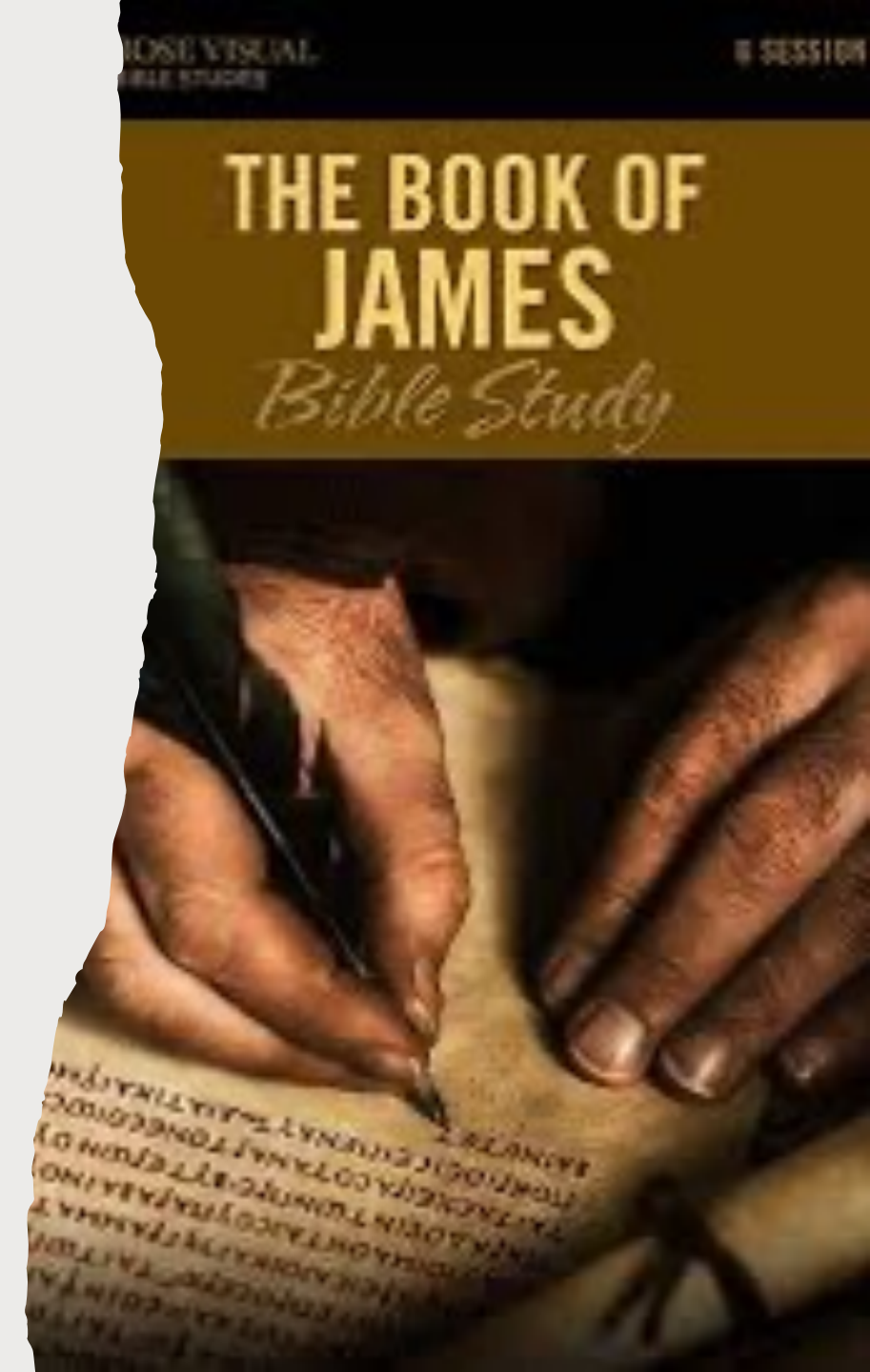
Date: 45 – 50 A.D.

Author: James, brother of Jesus

To: Dispersed Jewish Christians

Theme: Faith must have action

Goal: Spiritual maturity

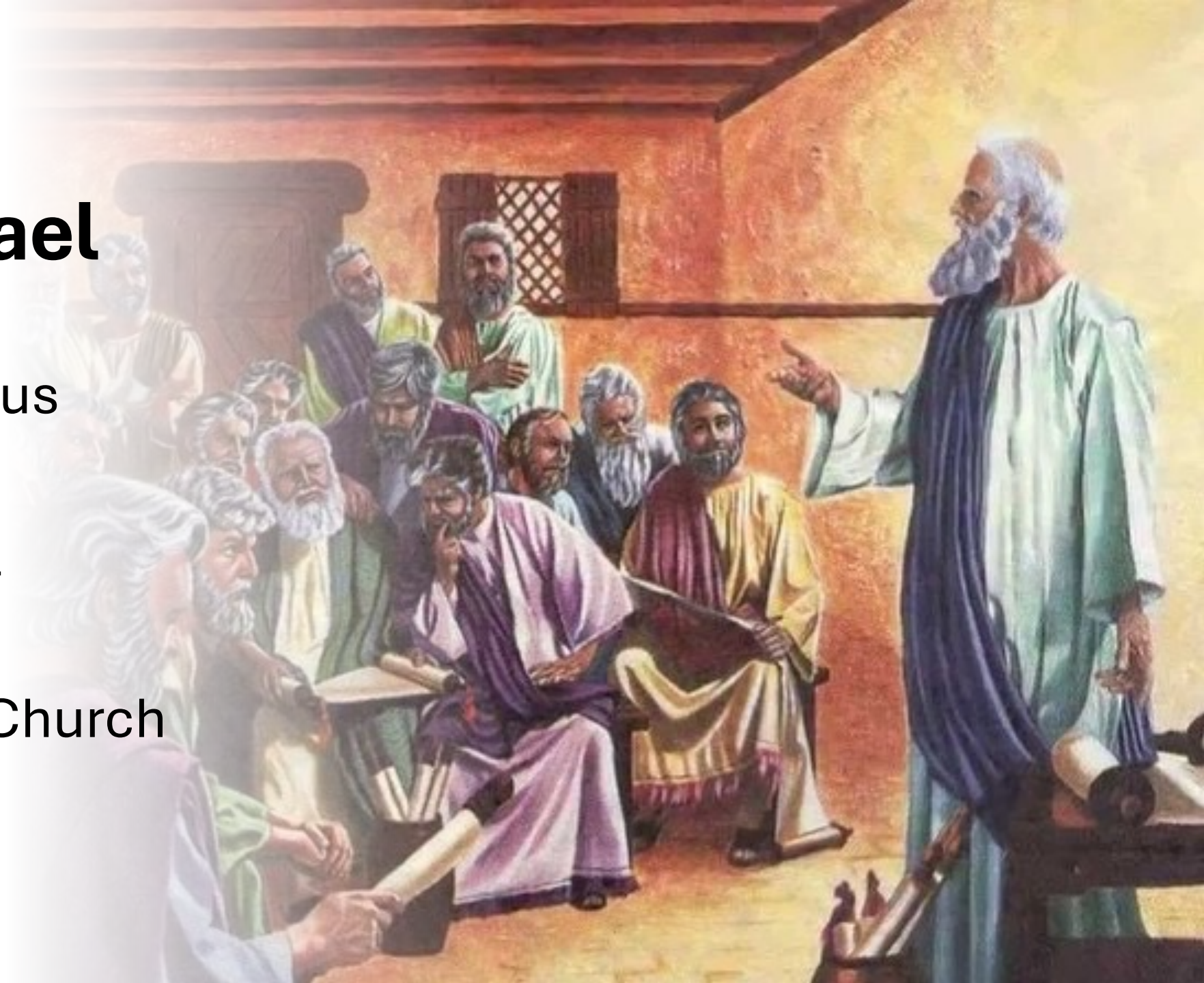


James: **Leader of Israel**

Oldest sibling of Jesus

Head of the Council

Head of Jerusalem Church

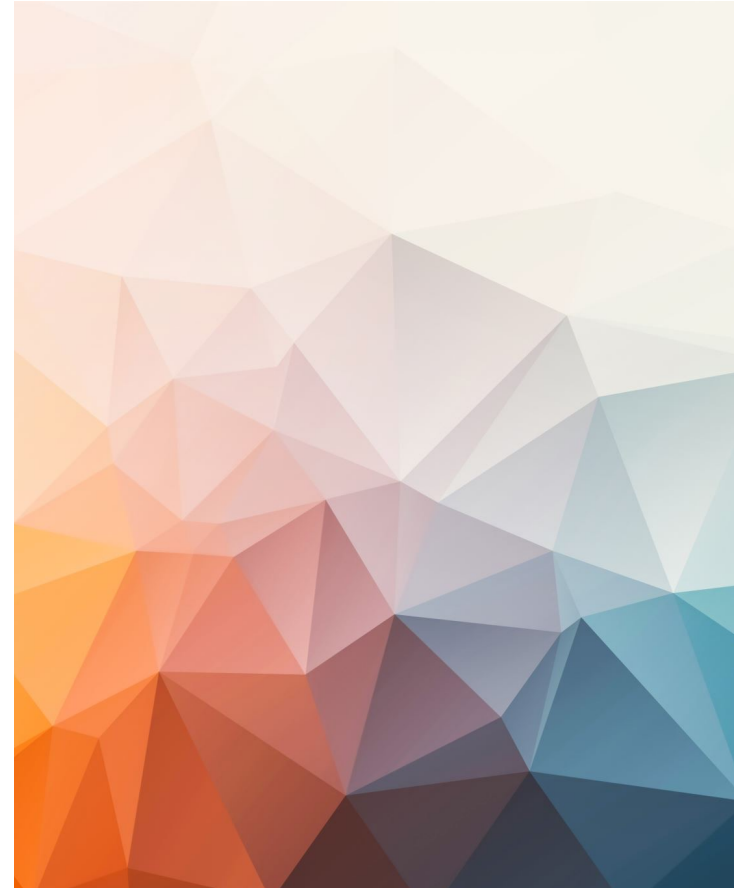


James: Proverbs of the New Testament

1: 19, Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

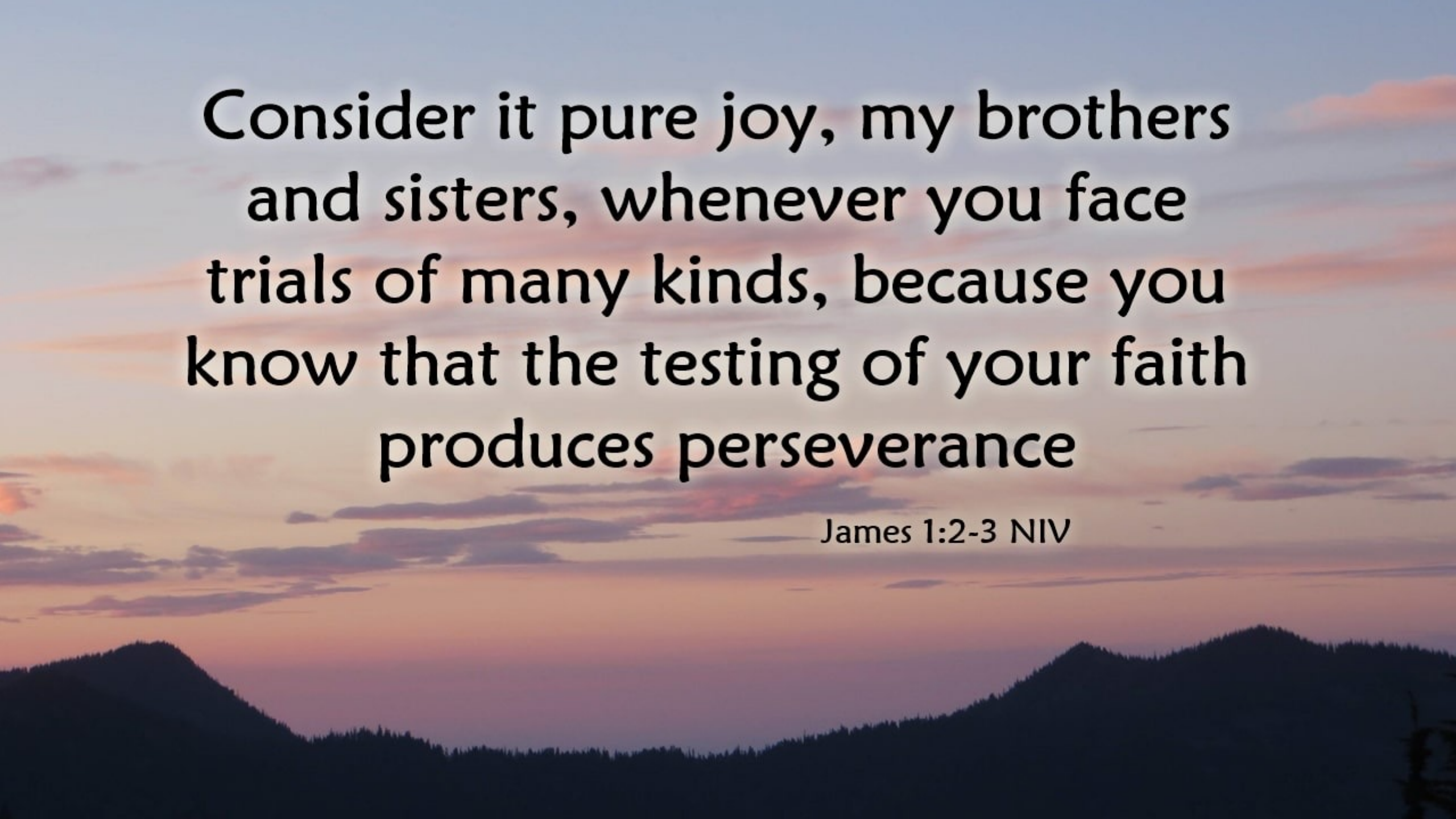
3: 18, Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness

4: 8, Come near to God and he will come near to you.



7 Words from James 1: 2 - 6





Consider it pure joy, my brothers
and sisters, whenever you face
trials of many kinds, because you
know that the testing of your faith
produces perseverance

James 1:2-3 NIV

1. Consider

Hegeomai: a mental calculation, a thoughtful accounting decision

To adopt a perspective of whatever circumstance you face



2. Joy

Joy doesn't mean super happy

Joy: a fruit of the Spirit

It's a position -- not a feeling

It's a perspective -- not an emotion

Joy takes action – we choose Joy





Joy in God's Presence

C.S. Lewis: “Joy is not a reward or something that can be achieved through worldly means; it is a byproduct of being close to the divine.”

Psalms 16: 11, You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy.

Consider it Joy?

Needs:

Healthy emotional response

Godly, eternal perspective

Immediate decision in Spirit

Action toward righteousness





3. Trials

Unpredictable
encounters to fall into

A variety of trials;
subjective

People handle trials
differently



Origin of Trials

From being alive

From sin

The cycles of life

God's plan

Satan's influence

1st Peter 4: 12 - 13

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.



FIERY TRIALS

Trial Reality

We will:

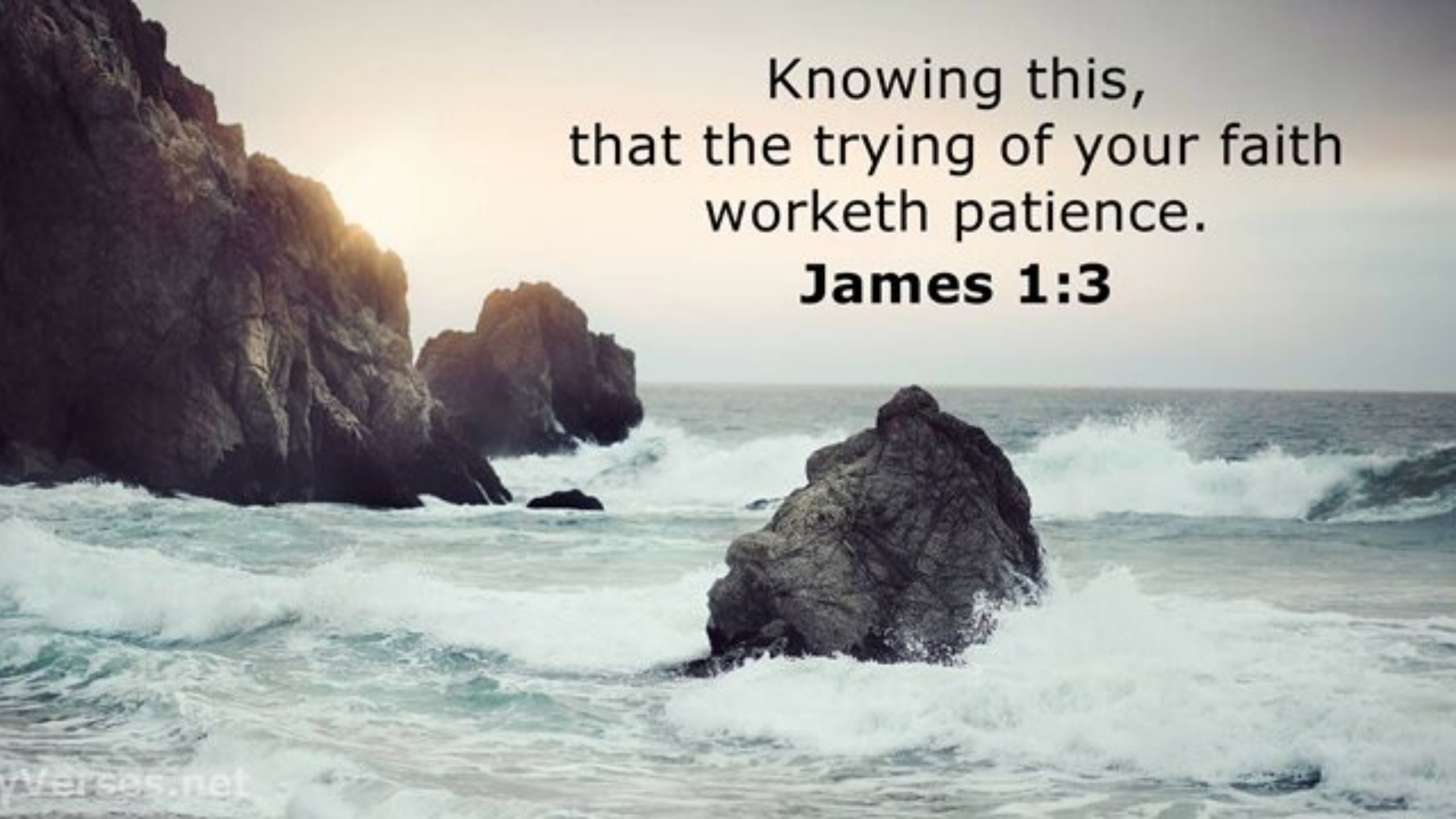
Absolutely face them

Some will be fiery

Consider them joyful

Be honored in them





Knowing this,
that the trying of your faith
worketh patience.

James 1:3



4. Knowing *Ginosko* in Greek

Experiential knowledge

Deep understanding

An active, ongoing learning



Beliefs lead to Thoughts

Thoughts lead to Actions

Actions lead to Experience

Experiences lead to Results

Results lead to Beliefs

What do we experientially know
about God, His Word?

Social Media Algorithm

Sorting Factors



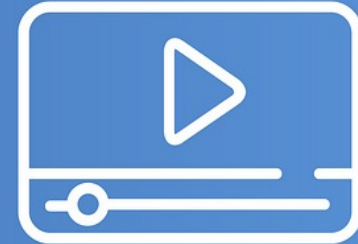
Relevancy



Recency



Engagement



Post Type

Our Mind is an Algorithm

But let patience have
its perfect work, that
you may be perfect
and complete,
lacking nothing.

James 1:4



5. Perfect

Teleios in the Greek
James uses 19X

Complete, Whole, and
Mature

Not perfectionism:
never being wrong,
flawed, or fail



3 P's of Faith

We Know to be Perfect

1. Patience: waiting for God's timing and God's result in the trial.

2. Prayer: Seeking God's presence more – listening better.

Romans 12: 12, Rejoice in hope, be patient in trials, be constant in prayer.



3 P's of Faith

We Know to be Perfect

3. Perseverance: staying determined and dependent on God in trials

Romans 5: 3 – 4, More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces perseverance, and perseverance produces character, and character produces hope..



“But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.”

Hebrews 5:14

Spiritual Maturity is the Goal

Wisdom is not primarily knowledge.

Its applied godly thoughts and behavior **practiced daily**.

It's asking God and depending on God to show you the way.

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God,
who gives generously to all without finding fault,
and it will be given to you.

James 1:5



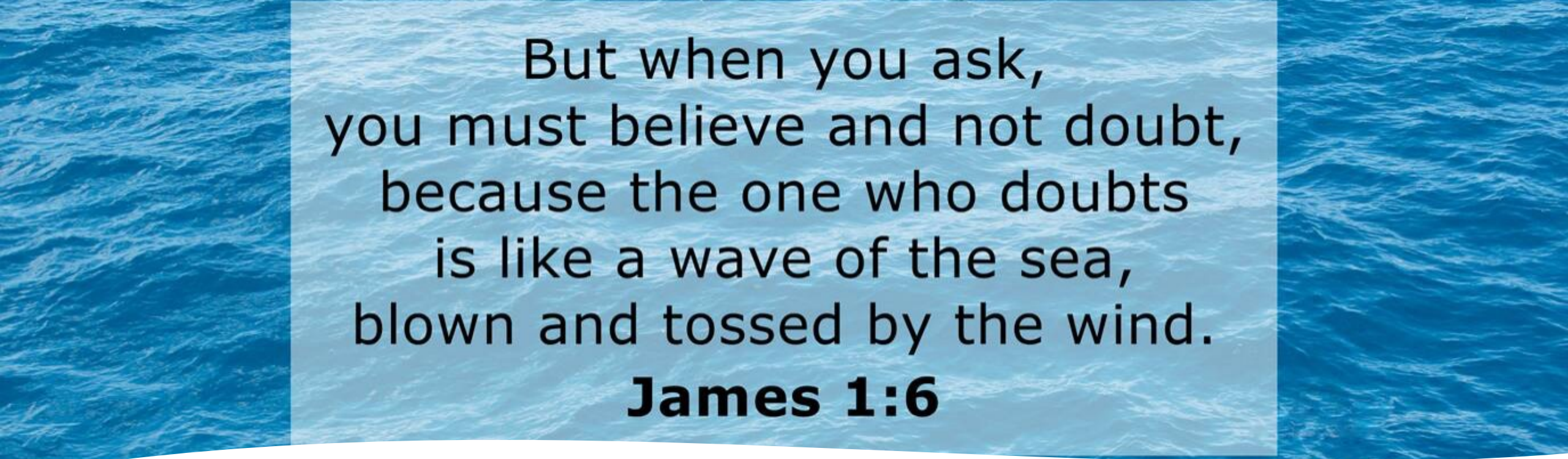
“IF YOU
BELIEVE, YOU
WILL RECEIVE
WHATEVER
YOU ASK FOR
IN PRAYER”

MATTHEW 21:22

 Bible Study Tools

6. Asking God

1st John 5: 14 – 15, This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we also know that we have what we have asked of him.



But when you ask,
you must believe and not doubt,
because the one who doubts
is like a wave of the sea,
blown and tossed by the wind.

James 1:6

Asking in Belief

We can ask for anything

We will receive what we need

We ask in faith not in doubt or greed

7 Words

James 1: 2 - 6

Consider

Joy

Trials

Knowing

Perfect

Asking God

In Belief



Consider it Joy when we face
trials

Knowing the Perfect God is
maturing us in them

And we ask God, in faith,
belief, and trust,

To be with us in and through
them - for His glory.

AMEN