



“James”

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TALK IT OVER

Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your LifeGroup. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.

A Faith that Counters My Bad Habits Pt 2

- James 1:12-16

9 Counter moves to Resist Temptation

1. Know My default Coping Strategy. James 1:5
2. Know my emotional triggers. (What makes me vulnerable?)
3. Learn My Patterns
4. Plan to avoid those situations! Prov. 4:26-27.
5. Ask God for Help. Psalm 50:15; Hebrews 4:15-16

6. Refocus my attention on something else.
Romans 12:21

7. Join a Small Group for Support.
Hebrews 10:25

8. Enlist one friend to share my struggle.
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 / Galatians 6:2

9. Remember, God is on my side!
I Cor. 10:13 / James 1:12

- Read James 1:12-16 Why would God “test” our love for Him?

- Read Romans 12:21 When I feel like doing something that is not good for me to do, what can I do instead that will have a positive outcome?

- Read Hebrews 10:25 How can we support each other so we can all defeat temptation?

- Who do we know that could use some help and invite them to join our group?

- Read Galatians 6:2 Who are you able to share safely with about your struggles?

- Read 1Corinthians 10:13 Will I take the way out God provides by using these, 9 counter moves to resist temptation?

- Join us for our Streaming Services on Gateway Facebook or YouTube Church at Home.

✓ **When you follow Jesus, you find true Life.**

A Faith That Works

September's Memory Verse – *Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, Colossians 1:15 (NLT)*

Monday 9/21- Read Colossians 1:19-24

Question: How can a sinner become righteous?

Truth: *But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—*

Meditate: Colossians 1:20 – *and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

Prayer: Father God, thank you for reconciling us through Jesus' body given and his blood shed for me on the cross.

Action: Find peace with God through the sacrifice of Jesus.

Who I will share Christ with today: _____

Tuesday 9/22- Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Question: Having been saved by the death of Christ, what message do we have for others?

Truth: *that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.* Vs. 19

Meditate: 2 Corinthians 5:17 – *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come! The old has gone, the new is here!*

Prayer: Jesus, I will continue your ministry of reconciliation.

Action: *We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.* 2 Corinthians 5:21

What God is telling me: _____

Wednesday 9/23- Read Romans 5:1-11

Question: If I have been saved and my sins are forgiven why would I still suffer?

Truth: *suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope...*

Meditate: Romans 5:8-*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you that you are the means of my reconciliation with God.

Action: *Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.* Vs. 11

What God is telling me: _____

Thursday 9/24- Read Romans 8:9-18

Question: Who are the children of God?

Truth: *For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.* Vs. 14

Meditate: Romans 8:10- *But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.*

Prayer: Father lead me by your Spirit. I will follow.

Action: *For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

What God is telling me: _____

Friday 9/25- Read John 1:43-50

Question: What did Philip answer when Nathanael asked, "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?"

Truth: *"Come and see," said Philip.*

Meditate: 1 John 1:45- *Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law,..."*

Prayer: Lord God, open the hearts to the people I will invite to meet Jesus this week.

Action: Love God, Love Others and Make Disciples.

Who will I love this week and invite our church: _____

VERSE 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of glory the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

CHORUS

*This is amazing grace! This is unfailing love!
That You would take my place,
that You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life, that I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me*

VERSE 2

Who brings our chaos back into order,
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of glory, the King of Glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

BRIDGE

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy , worthy, worthy oh...

VERSE 1

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me.
You have been so, so good to me.
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me.
You have been so, so kind-- to me.

CHORUS

Oh the overwhelming, never-ending,
reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'till I'm found,
leaves the ninety-nine. I couldn't earn it.
I don't deserve it. Still, You give yourself away.
Oh the overwhelming, neverending,
reckless love of God

VERSE 2

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me.
You have been so, so good to me.
When I felt no worth, You paid it-- all for me.
You have been so, so kind-- to me.

BRIDGE

There's no shadow You won't light up,
mountain You won't climb up, coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down, no lie You won't
tear down, coming after me

CH

Bless the Lord Oh my soul, Oh my soul
worship His holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul,
I'll worship Your holy **name**

V1

The Sun comes up it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again,
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me---,
Let me be singing when the evening comes

V2

You're rich in love and Your slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing;
Ten Thousand reasons for my heart to find

V3

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending---;
Ten Thousand years and then forever more!
(Forever more!)

V1

Amazing Grace How sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me---
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see

V2

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed

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*My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God my savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace*

V3

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures; He will my shield
and portion be, as long as life endures

V4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below,
will be forever mine will be forever mine
You are forever mine