



## “James”

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### A Faith that makes Tough Choices Easier

- James 1:5-8

#### How does trusting God make tough choices easier?

1. When I trust God, He gives me His Wisdom. James 1:5

Proverbs 3:18 / Proverbs 4:7 / Proverbs 24:14

#### How Do I get the wisdom I need?

- Put God first in my life! Psalm. 111:10 / Prov. 15:33
- Practice God’s word in my life. John 13:17 / James 1:25
- Get Some Godly People into your life. Prov. 13:20

2. When I trust God, He Frees me from second Guessing.

Prov. 17:24 / James 1:6-8

3. When I trust God, He uses even my mistakes.

Rom. 8:28

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

### 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.*

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- Read James 1:5-8 Relate a time God helped you make a tough choice.
  - Read Proverbs 24:24 What are you doing to obtain the wisdom of God?
  - Read Matthew 6:28-34 How does seeking God first relieve us of our worries and doubts?
  - We believe God’s Word when we put it into practice. Share an experience that verifies this statement.
  - Godly people can help me make good godly decisions. Who do I go to when I need some good godly wisdom?
  - Who is asking me for good godly advice?
  - What one point or idea struck you the most this week and what are you going **to do** with that information.
  - Join us for our Streaming Services on Gateway Facebook or YouTube Church at Home.

## 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 9/7- Read Mark 1:35-39

**Question:** What do you think Jesus was praying about during those regular times alone with God?

**Truth:** *Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Vs.35*

**Meditate:** Spend some time communicating to God with the desire to learn His will for you.

**Prayer:** Lord, I am willing to do as you desire. Instruct me so I may do your will.

**Action:** Pray to understand God's will for my life.

**What** is God instructing ME to do: \_\_\_\_\_

### Tuesday 9/8- Read Matthew 6:5-15

**Question:** Rather than pray to impress people, how should I pray?

**Truth:** *But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. Vs. 6*

**Meditate:** Matthew 6:8- *Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*

**Prayer:** “*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,*

*your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.*

**Action:** Throughout the day stay connected to God in prayer.

**What** “need” will I bring to God in prayer: \_\_\_\_\_

### Wednesday 9/9- Read James 5:13-20

**Question:** How should we communicate to God in both the good times and the bad?

**Truth:** *Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Vs. 13*

**Meditate:** James 5:20- *remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.*

**Praise:** Lord you are worthy of all praise and glory. Thank God for some of the blessing He has given you.

**Action:** *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Vs. 16*

**Things** I'm thankful for: \_\_\_\_\_

### Thursday 9/10- Read Colossians 4:2-6

**Question:** Who is someone I could ask to pray for me?

**Truth:** Paul asked for prayer: *Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Vs. 4*

**Meditate:** Colossians 4:2 - *Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*

**Prayer:** Lord give me courage to speak to my neighbors about the blessings you have given to me.

**Action:** *Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Vs. 5*

**What** God is telling me: \_\_\_\_\_

### Friday 9/11- Read Matthew 9:35-38

**Question:** What did Jesus feel when he saw the crowds?

**Truth:** *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Vs. 36*

**Meditate:** Matthew 9:37- *Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.*

**Prayer:** Father God, give me a heart like Jesus' so I will be compassionate to lost people.

**Action:** *Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”*

**Who** will I share God's love with today: \_\_\_\_\_

## Open Up The Heavens

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### VERSE 1

We've waited for this day, we're gathered in Your  
name, calling out to You  
Your glory like a fire, awakening desire, will burn our  
hearts with truth

### PRE.CH

You're.the.reason.we're.here,.You're.the.reason.we're.singing

### CHORUS

Open.up.the.heavens,.we.want.to.see.You,.open.up.the.floodgates  
A.mighty.river.floating.from.Your.heart,.filling.every.part.of.our.praise

### VERSE.2

Your.presence.in.this.place,.Your.glory.on.our.face,.we're.looking.to.the.sky  
Descending.like.a.cloud,.You're.standing.with.us.now,.Lord,.unveil.our.eyes

### PRE.CH

You're.the.reason.we're.here,.You're.the.reason.we're.singing

### CHORUS

Open.up.the.heavens,.we.want.to.see.You,.open.up.the.floodgates  
A.mighty.river.floating.from.Your.heart,.filling.every.part.of.our.praise (repeat)

### BRIDGE

Show.us,.show.us.Your.glory,..show.us,.show.us.Your.power,.show.us,.show.  
us.Your.glory,.Lord

Show us, show us Your glory, show us, show us Your power, show us, show  
us Your glory, Lord

We want to see You, We want to see You

### CHORUS

Open.up.the.heavens,.we.want.to.see.You,.open.up.the.floodgates  
A.mighty.river.floating.from.Your.heart,.filling.every.part.of.our.praise (repeat)

## Good Grace

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### V1

People, Come together, Strange as neighbors, our blood is One  
Children, Of generations, Of every nation, of Kingdom come

### CH

*Don't let your heart be troubled, Hold your head up high,  
don't fear no evil, Fix your eyes on this one truth  
God is madly in love with you. Take courage, hold on, be strong  
Remember where our help comes from*

### V2

Jesus, our redemption,Our salvation is in His blood  
Jesus, Light of heaven, Friend forever, His Kingdom come

### CH

*Don't let your heart be troubled, Hold your head up high,  
don't fear no evil, Fix your eyes on this one truth  
God is madly in love with you. Take courage, hold on, be strong  
Remember where our help comes from*

### BR (3 times)

wing wide all You heavens. Let the praise go up as the walls come down  
All creation, Everything with breath repeat the sound  
All His children, Clean hands, pure hearts, Good grace, good God  
His name is Jesus

### V2

Jesus, our redemption,Our salvation is in His blood  
Jesus, Light of heaven, Friend forever, His Kingdom come

## How Great Is Our God

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### V1

The Splendor of a King, clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth re-joice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

### CH

*How great is our God, sing with me, How great is our God, all will see  
How great, how great is our God!*

### V2

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,  
Beginning an' the end, beginning an' the end  
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

### CH

*How great is our God, sing with me, How great is our God, all will see  
How great, how great is our God!*

### BR (2 x)

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise,  
My heart will sing , How great is our God

### CHANGE

*Then sings my soul my savior God to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How Great Thou art---,  
Then Sings my soul, my savior God to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How Great Thou art*

## The Blessing

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### Verse (2 x)

The Lord bless you and keep you, Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you, The Lord turn His face toward you  
And give you peace

### Chorus

A - men, Amen, Amen, A - men, Amen, Amen

### Bridge 1

May His favor be upon you, And a thousand generations  
And your family and your children, And their children and their children  
**REPEAT BRIDGE (repeat)**

### Bridge 2

May His presence go before you, And behind you and beside you  
All around you and within you, He is with you he is with you

### BR 3

In the morning in the evening, In your coming and your going  
In your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you He is for you

### Tag

He is for you He is for you, He is for you He is for you  
He is for you He is for you, He is for you He is for you

### Chorus

A - men, Amen, Amen, A - men, Amen, Amen

### Bridge 1,2,3

May His favor be upon you, And a thousand generations  
And your family and your children, And their children and their children  
May His presence go before you, And behind you and beside you  
All around you and within you, He is with you he is with you  
In the morning in the evening, In your coming and your going  
In your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you He is for you