



NEW TESTAMENT • GENERAL LETTERS

James

A living faith becomes visible.

AUTHORSHIP · Traditionally James, the brother of Jesus.

DATE & CONTEXT · Dates range from the AD 40s to the late first century.

The big picture

James offers direct wisdom for a community whose faith must endure testing. Listening well, controlling speech, refusing favoritism, and caring for people in need reveal whether belief is taking root. Wealth and status do not earn a privileged place. The letter challenges a faith reduced to words and invites patient, prayerful action. Wisdom from above is peaceable and full of mercy.

Words to carry

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

James 1:22 · KJV

Live it

01 Listen fully before responding in one conversation.

02 Meet a concrete need instead of offering encouragement alone.

03 Examine whether status affects how warmly you welcome someone.

Pause & reflect

Which truth I already know needs to become an action?

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