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James 1:1-8 | Joy and Perseverance

**Getting to Know James | James 1:1**

- The book of James is a letter/also known as an Epistle written in 49 AD
- Four possible authors named James in the New Testament
  - o James, son of Zebedee | Mt 4:17-22 | Acts 12:1-2
  - o James, son of Alphaeus | Mt 10:3 | Acts 1:12
  - o James, the father of Judas | Lk 6:16
  - o James, the brother of Jesus | Matt 13:55 | John 7:1-5 | 1 Cor 15:7 | Acts 1:14 | Gal 2:9 | Acts 15:13-33

**Why does James refer to himself as a servant?**

- Do you see yourself as one in service? | Heb 9:14 | 1 Cor 4:1 | Rom 6:17-18 | Gal 5:13 | 1 Co 9:19-23

**The letter of James was written to the twelve tribes**

- Acts 26:6-7 | Acts 2:5-11

**Finding Joy in the sufferings allow us to mature | James 1:2-4**

- Joy in trials
  - o Christians and trials | Jn 16:33 | Acts 14:22
  - o Testing and Perseverance | 1 Peter 1:6-7 | 2 Co 4:17
  - o Courageous faith is produce in trials

**Letting perseverance do the work of maturing Jesus-followers | James 1:4**

- We have to LET perseverance happen, it's a choice.
- Perseverance is about building character | Romans 5:3-4
- Character is about hope and joy in Jesus

**We need wisdom to know joy, and to allow the work of perseverance to finish | James 1:5-8**

- *Have you ever asked for wisdom to find joy in your trials rather than be discouraged by what isn't going right?*
- *Have you ever asked for wisdom to let the work of perseverance to finish rather than running away or avoiding the trials?*
- Come to Jesus for the wisdom to face life | Matt 6:33-34