Faith Works & Living Hope

James & 1 Peter
Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

1. James 1-5
2. 1 Peter 1-5

MAIN POINTS

- James 1 integrates tested faith, wisdom, responsibility for temptation, divine generosity, disciplined speech, and enacted reception of the word (James 1:2-27).

- James 2 places impartial mercy under the royal law and uses Abraham and Rahab to argue that faith without works is dead (James 2:1-26).

- James 3 moves from the tongue's disproportionate power to wisdom from above, whose character is visible in peaceable fruit (James 3:1-18).

- James 4-5 connect humility before God with ordered desires, contingent planning, patience, communal prayer, care, and restoration (James 4:1-17; 5:7-20).

- First Peter grounds living hope in Christ's resurrection and expresses it through holiness, public conduct, faithful suffering, service, shepherding, humility, vigilance, and steadfast faith (1 Peter 1:3-25; 2:4-25; 3:8-22; 4:7-19; 5:1-10).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. James says to count diverse temptations as joy because tested faith works patience. How can someone recognize that purpose without pretending the pain itself is pleasant (James 1:2-4)?
James 1:2-4

2. How does James 2 challenge communities that give better treatment to people with wealth, appearance, or influence?
James 2:1-16

3. Where has hearing the word remained detached from action? Name one concrete practice of impartial mercy, disciplined speech, prayer, hospitality, or service that will bring conduct into line with conviction this week (James 1:22-27; 1 Peter 4:7-11).
James 1:22-27

MEMORY VERSE / James 1:2-4

James explains that tested faith works patience and calls patience to complete its work (James 1:2-4).

WEB

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you fall into various temptations, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. Let endurance have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

KJV

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

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Notes

Waymark 97 / Solo

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

NOTES

ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER