

A man in a workshop, wearing a grey shirt and suspenders, is focused on working on a bicycle wheel. The background is dark and filled with various tools and equipment, creating a sense of a busy, hands-on environment. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the man and the wheel.

James

Faith that Works

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Maturing Through Trials

James 1:1-4

Our faith in God enables us to reframe our trials.

The trials of life are the training ground of God.

When trials come, the door to maturity opens.

Gospel Transformation

Jesus alone changes lives.

The Good News of Jesus is the power to redeem us, free us, and continually transform all creation.

Humble Dependence

Apart from God we can do nothing.

As we walk in the Spirit, we continually submit our lives through prayer and the Word of God.

Memory Verse: James 1:2-4 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Further Study

Read: James 1:1-4 in your group or with at least one other person.

1. Have someone read it while everyone reads along.
2. Have someone else read it while everyone else listens.
3. Have someone recount the text from memory in their own words.

Discuss:

1. What does the passage reveal about God?
2. What does the passage reveal about humanity?

Act:

1. If this passage is from God, what should change about how you live?
2. Who needs to hear the truth of this Scripture that you can share it with this week?
Identify a time this week when you might have the opportunity to share with them.