

JAMES

#1 The Forgotten Key to Victorious Faith

James 1:1

I. THE AUTHOR: 1:1a

1. James was the younger half-brother of Jesus, but the oldest son of Joseph and Mary. Mark 6:3
2. James thought Jesus was crazy. Mark 3:21
3. James was not a follower of Jesus until after the resurrection of Jesus. John 7:3-5; 1 Corinthians 15:7 Acts 1:14; Galatians 1:19
4. James became the top leader of the church at Jerusalem. (Acts 12:17; 15:11-21; Galatians 2:9).
5. James is known in history as the apostle with the "camel knees" because of his high- level commitment to prayer.

II. THE AUDIENCE: 1:2a

1. Jews: 12 Tribes of Israel
2. Former members of the church of Jerusalem scattered around the Mediterranean because of Jewish and Roman persecution in Jerusalem. (Acts 7,12)
3. Ordinary people with problems.

III. THE APPELLATION

Romans 1:1; Philippians 1:1; 2 Peter 1:1; Jude 1:1

Being the bondservant of Jesus is the key to victorious faith.

1. A bondservant is owned by their Master. 1 Corinthians 6:20
2. The bondservant serves without expecting anything in return. Luke 17:7-10
3. A bondservant is totally surrendered to the Master. Romans 12:1; Luke 9:23
4. A bondservant is more than a volunteer.
5. A bondservant finds freedom and joy in serving their Master.
6. A bondservant is not a slave by circumstance, birth, or force, but by choice.
7. Jesus is the ultimate example of a bondservant and calls us to follow His example. Mark 10:43-45; Philippians 2:5-7