



DIGGING DEEPER

James 1v1-12 – Faith on Trial

PLEASE READ – James 1v1-12

GETTING STARTED

What's striking about the introduction to the letter in v1?

Is it fair to say that our name is written on the envelope?

1) CONSIDER IT PURE JOY (v2-4)

How does v2 make you feel if you read it without v3-4?

Chat through the process in v3-4

Is that something you can testify to in your own life?

2) ASK FOR WISDOM (v5-8)

What does wisdom look like in this context? What are we actually asking for?

Talk about what the 'doubter' is like in v6-8 and what they should expect to receive?

3) A WORKED EXAMPLE (v9-11)

Why do you think James grounds this request for wisdom by talking about worldly wealth and poverty?

How would you sum up the challenge to both the poor (v9) and the rich (v10-11)?

Is there a lesson we need to learn here?

4) THE CROWN OF LIFE (v12)

Does it help knowing that the Greek word for 'crown' refers to the laurel wreath given to victors at the ancient Olympics? If so, how??

How does this verse encourage you as you navigate the different trials of life?

Meditate on the words of James...

V12: Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.