

## Story 130: A Letter From James

James was a disciple of Jesus. He was also the brother of Jesus. James was with Jesus every day and learned the things Jesus taught. He saw Jesus do many things only God can do. After Jesus went back to heaven, James continued to do the work Jesus taught him to do. He told people about God, and wrote letters to some of the churches. One of his letters is in the Bible. James wrote the letter to help believers know how to obey God in a world where many people do not want to obey God.

Here are some things James wrote to help the believers:

“My friends, be glad, even if you have a lot of trouble. You know that you learn to endure by having your faith tested. But you must learn to endure everything, so that you will be completely mature and not lacking in anything. If any of you need wisdom, you should ask God, and it will be given to you. God is generous and won’t correct you for asking.” – James 1:2-5

“My friends, what good is it to say you have faith when you don’t do anything to show that you really do have faith? Can that kind of faith save you? If you know someone who doesn’t have any clothes or food, you shouldn’t just say, “I hope all goes well for you. I hope you will be warm and have plenty to eat.” What good is it to say this, unless you do something to help? Faith that doesn’t lead us to do good deeds is all alone and dead!”

– James 2:14-17

“But the wisdom that comes from above leads us to be pure, friendly, gentle, sensible, kind, helpful, genuine, and sincere.”

– James 3:17

“You people aren’t faithful to God! Don’t you know that if you love the world, you are God’s enemies? And if you decide to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God.”

– James 4:4