

Deep End Faith

March 6, 2022 | James 1:1 | Mike Foster

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes scattered among the nations... Greetings!

- Our similar moment: Scattered and Sent
 - o Times of uncertainty
 - o Times of difficulty
 - o Times of opportunity

- The right messenger: Pastor James
 - o James the Servant – a transformed heart
 - o James the Just – a steady hand
 - o Old Camel knees

- The right message: Deep End Faith
 - o Faith that works when you're in over your head
 - When your circumstances aren't favorable
 - When the culture is not affirming

 - o Faith made for this moment

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Can you relate at all with the experiences of James' first readers? How is their situation similar to yours? How is it different?
3. We learned that James was transformed, wise, humble, merciful, prayerful, and more. Which of these qualities do you feel is especially important in a leader or teacher? Why?
4. James introduces himself as "a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ." Why is this significant? What can we learn from this about how we think of ourselves?
5. Read James 5:16. What did James believe about prayer? What would it look like for your knees to look more like Old Camel Knees?
6. In your own words, explain what we mean when we say "deep end faith."
7. Share about a time when you realized your faith was made to work well in a difficult situation.
8. Share about a time when you lost the "floatie" of favorable circumstances or cultural affirmation. Did you sink or swim? How did God work?
9. Have you ever memorized Scripture before? If so, how did you do it and how have you been blessed by it? If not, what challenges or blessings might you anticipate?
10. What are some specific ways you can aim to engage with James in this season? Share about some goals you might set and pray together (on your knees!) for one another and others you might invite to journey with us in James.

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Get to know James – <https://bit.ly/oldcamelknees>

Get to know James more – <https://bit.ly/gettoknowjames>

A good introduction to James - <https://bit.ly/introjames>

Listen to "Firm Foundation" - <https://bit.ly/firmfoundationsong>

How to Connect with James deeper:

- **Study -**

Read James once a week until Easter – pick up one of our Scripture Journals to help you.



- **Memorize -**

Memorize James using the Scripture Memory Fellowship App.

Aim for one verse – James 1:2 or 1:25

Aim for one passage – James 1:2-4

Aim for 10 key passages – James 1:2-4, 1:13-15, 1:19-20, 1:22-25, 2:1, 2:26, 3:9-10, 3:17-18, 4:7-8, 5:16

Aim for one chapter – James 1

Aim for the whole book?!



- **Join -**

Join or start a small group to discuss James: If you'd like to start one, please send an email to forcey-office@forcey.org



- **Invite -**

Prayerfully invite someone else to join us in our study of James – use our invite cards

- **Pray -**

Make a habit of kneeling in prayer, like James

Pick up a wristband to remind you that your faith was made for the deep end