

# James 1

- 1) Introduction
  - a) **Q: When do we need God most?**
    - i) In times of struggle, stress, fear...
  - b) This lesson covers James 1
    - i) Like last time
    - ii) **Welcome any and all reactions after each section**
      - (1) Challenge the Word that seems hard to believe.
- 2) Verses 1-4
  - a) **Q: Should take joy in struggle?? Why won't God just keep us from struggle? Or give us super powers like Elijah and Moses or Jesus?**
- 3) Verses 5-8
  - a) Seems like every gift or freedom from God comes with a command
  - b) **Q: So wisdom is free for the asking, but I can't doubt. Why?**
- 4) Verses 9-11
  - a) Isn't that backwards? I thought with position comes pride and with poverty came humility?
  - b) **Q: How does that make sense?**
    - i) Requires stronger management skills
    - ii) Strong trust in God to provide
- 5) Verses 12-16
  - a) (verse 3)
- 6) Verses 17-18
  - a) **Q: Where do "bad" things come from then?**
    - i) Like what? What is a "bad thing"?
    - ii) Distorted good things
- 7) Verses 19-21
  - a) (power of words)
  - b) **Q: Is anger a sin?**
  - c) **Q: What are some tips for "slowing anger"?**
    - i) Listen: clarify and confirm
- 8) Verses 22-25
  - a) Listening and obeying
  - b) (ties into anger and wisdom)
  - c) Mirror (NLT if needed)
    - i) Good – we are examples of Christ
- 9) Verses 26-27
  - a) Back to v19
  - b) Be a doing Christian (an example) and not a talking one
    - i) Stronger proof of Christ