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	JAMES			
Fait	th When stretched, it doesn't break.	When pressed, it doesn't fail.	When expressed, it doesn't explode.	When distressed, it doesn't panic.
Deeds	Authentic stability	Authentic love	Authentic control and humility	Authentic patience
	Trials Temptation Response to Scripture CHAPTER	Partiality and prejudice Indifference and mere intellectualism Obedience and action CHAPTER	The tongue The heart The will  CHAPTERS 3-4	Money matters Sickness Carnality and correction CHAPTER
Background	The difficulties of life caused the scattered saints to drift spiritually, leading to all forms of problems—unbridled speech, wrong attitudes, doubt, strife, carnality, shallow faith.			
Characteristics	"The Proverbs of the New Testament," James contains many practical, straightforward exhortations. Emphasis is on importance of balancing right belief with right behavior. The book has many Old Testament word pictures and references.			
Theme	Real faith produces authentic deeds.			
Key Verse	2:17			
Christ in James	Jesus is the glorious Lord, who inspires true faith and authentic works (2:1, 14-26).			

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James 2:8-10 8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. 9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

- What is the royal law?
- What is the law of liberty?
- · Why is partiality a sin?
- What is a transgressor?

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James 2:11-13 <sup>11</sup> For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup> So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup> For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

- Why select the extremes of adultery and murder for his example?
- What is selective obedience?
- Are all sins equal?
- What does it mean to act like you are going to be judged under the law of liberty?
- Is there grace in the law?

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