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	JAMES			
Fait	h When stretched, it doesn't break.	When pressed, it doesn't fail.	When expressed, it doesn't explode.	When distressed, it doesn't panic.
Deed	Authentic stability	Authentic love	Authentic control and humility	Authentic patience
	Greeting Trials Temptation Response to Scripture CHAPTER	Partiality and prejudice Indifference and mere intellectualism Obedience and action  CHAPTER	The tongue The heart The will CHAPTERS	Money matters Sickness Camality and correction CHAPTER
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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 4:11-12 <sup>11</sup> Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law, But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. <sup>12</sup> There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

- Why do you think that James uses brother three times in the first verse?
- What is the difference between slander and gossip?
- Is it okay to speak evil about a non-believer?
- · What is judging?
- How does speaking against or judging a brother speak evil against the law?
- Do these Scriptures tell us that believers should never judge?

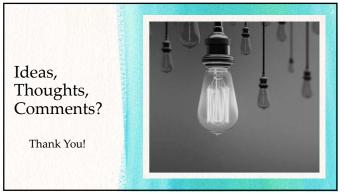
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James 4:11-12 <sup>13</sup> Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit" <sup>14</sup> yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

<sup>15</sup> Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that," <sup>16</sup> As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup> So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

- Does this passage indicate that we should not make plans because God provides?
- What does it mean that it is a sin to know and not do the right thing?

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