

Up & Down

Part of Beyond Sunday

April 24, 2025

TODAY: UP & DOWN

James 1:1 This letter is from James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am writing to the “twelve tribes”—Jewish believers scattered abroad. Greetings!

• WE BELIEVE WHAT WE DO , NOT WHAT WE SAY

James 1:2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.

Nehemiah 8:10... for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

James 1:3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.⁴ So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

1. OUR MINDSET IS - WE GROW BECAUSE OF OUR TOUGH TIMES

James 1:5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. 6 But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.

2. HIS METHOD - IS TRUSTING IN HIS WISDOM

James 1:7 Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.⁸ Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

• CHRISTIANITY IS BEST EXPERIENCED WITH NO BRAKES

3. OUR STANDARD - IS HIS WAYS

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