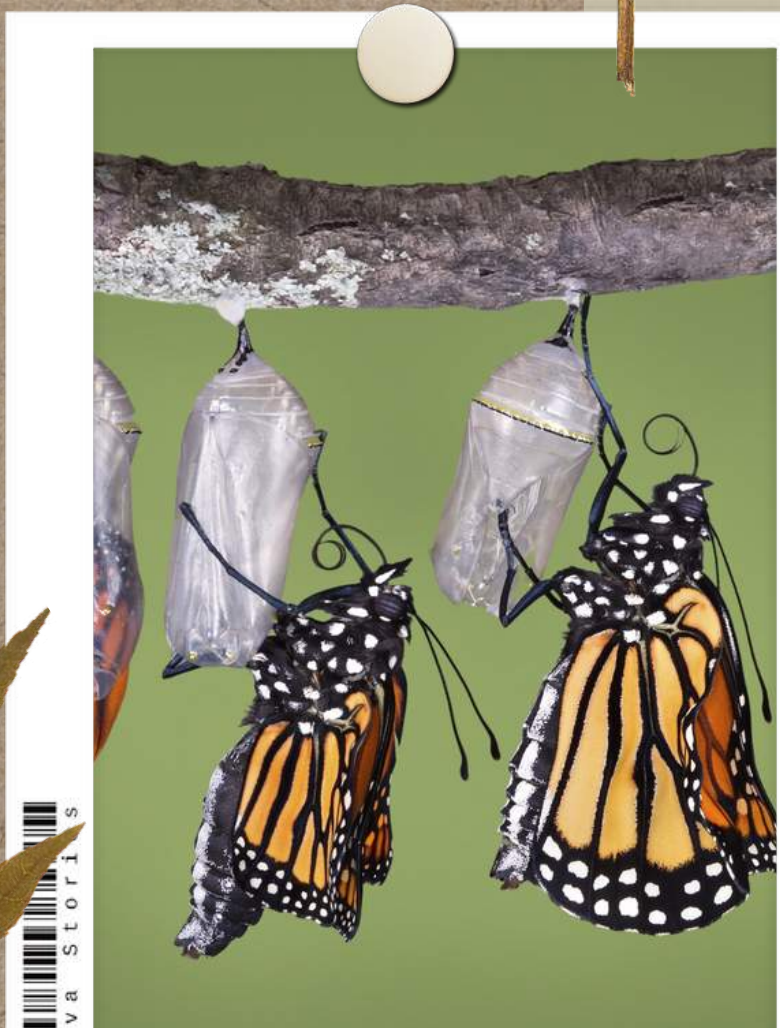


**True  
Faith**

**JAMES**



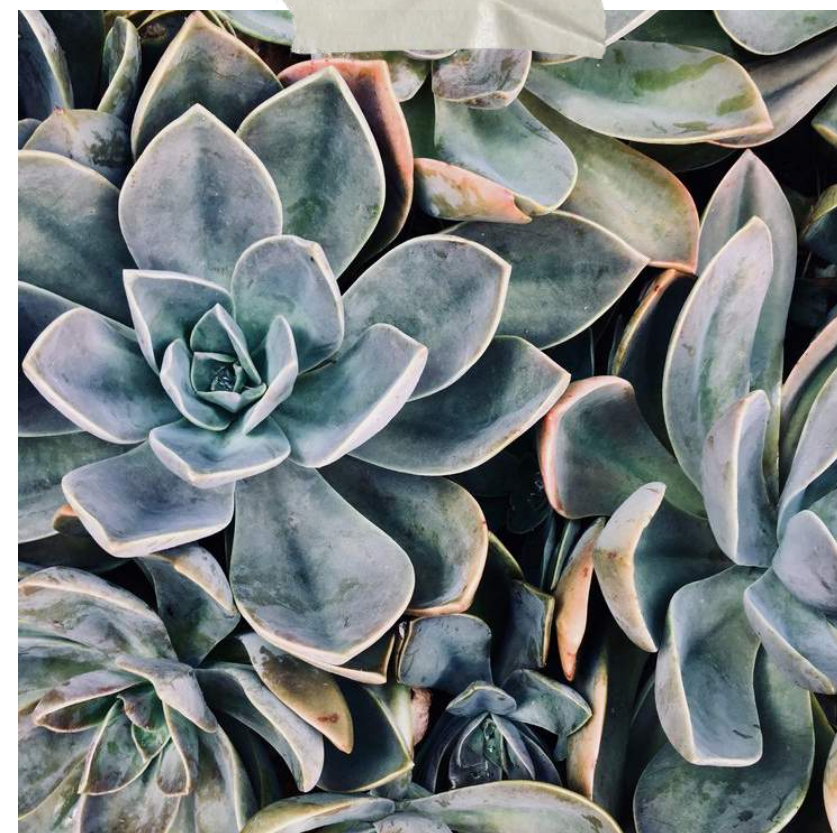
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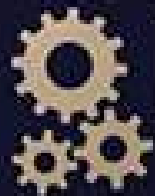
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# BECOMING

13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

(Ephesians 4)



THE LETTER OF  
**JAMES**  
FAITH AT W  RK

PRACTICE  
NOT PROFESSION

## Steven J Cole

Several writers refer to James as the least theological epistle in the New Testament, except for Philemon. It's not that James discounts the importance of sound doctrine, but rather that he wants to see that doctrine affecting how we live. Talk is cheap; James wants to see results. Of the 108 verses in the book, 54 (half) contain imperative verbs. James is like a crusty sergeant barking orders at the troops. He wants to see some action!

The Letter of  
**JAMES**

11:1 Or Jacob  
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# True Faith Shows Itself



## James 2

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

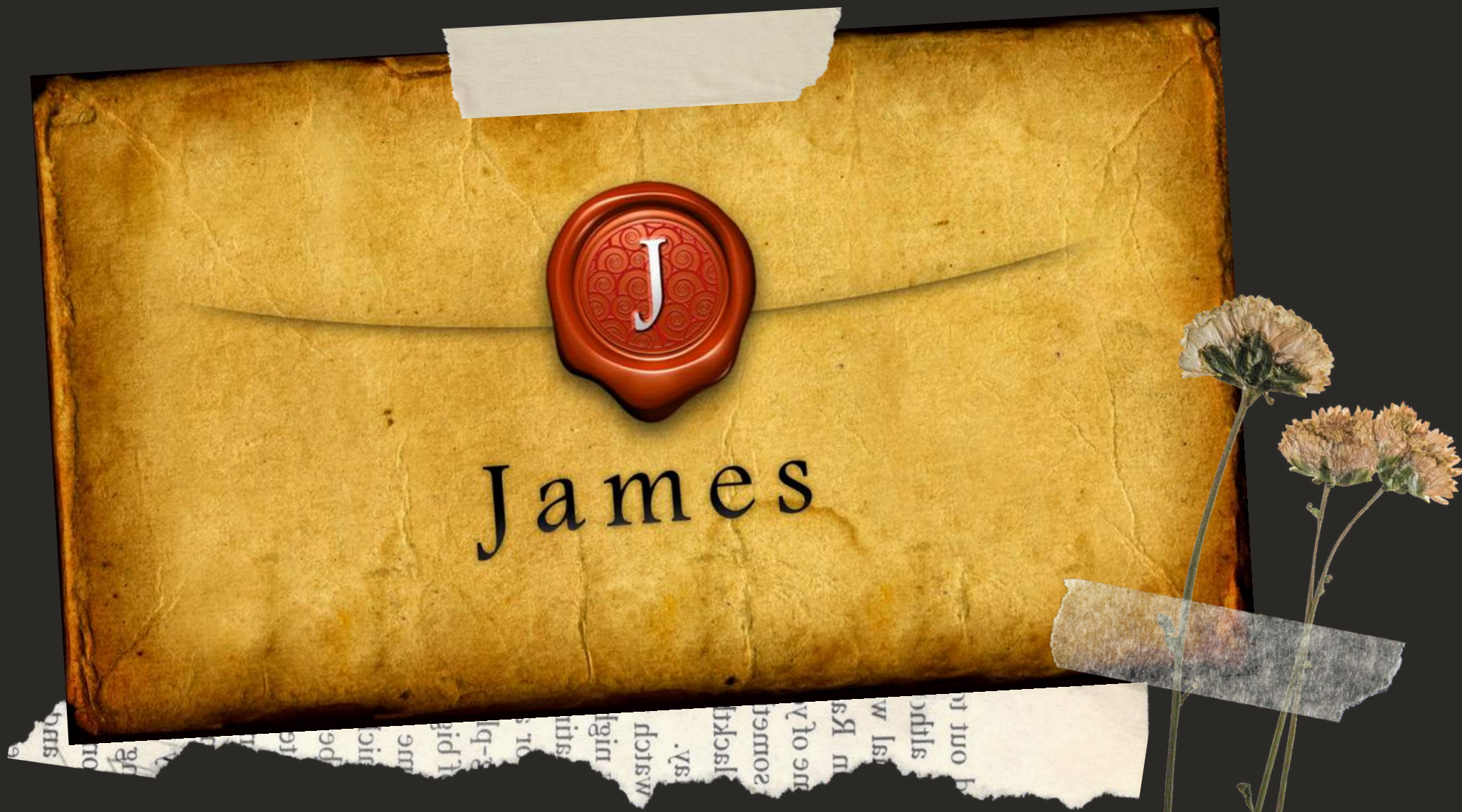
## James 2

17 ... faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

## James 2

22 You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.

## Author of James



5 For even his own brothers did not believe in him. (John 7)

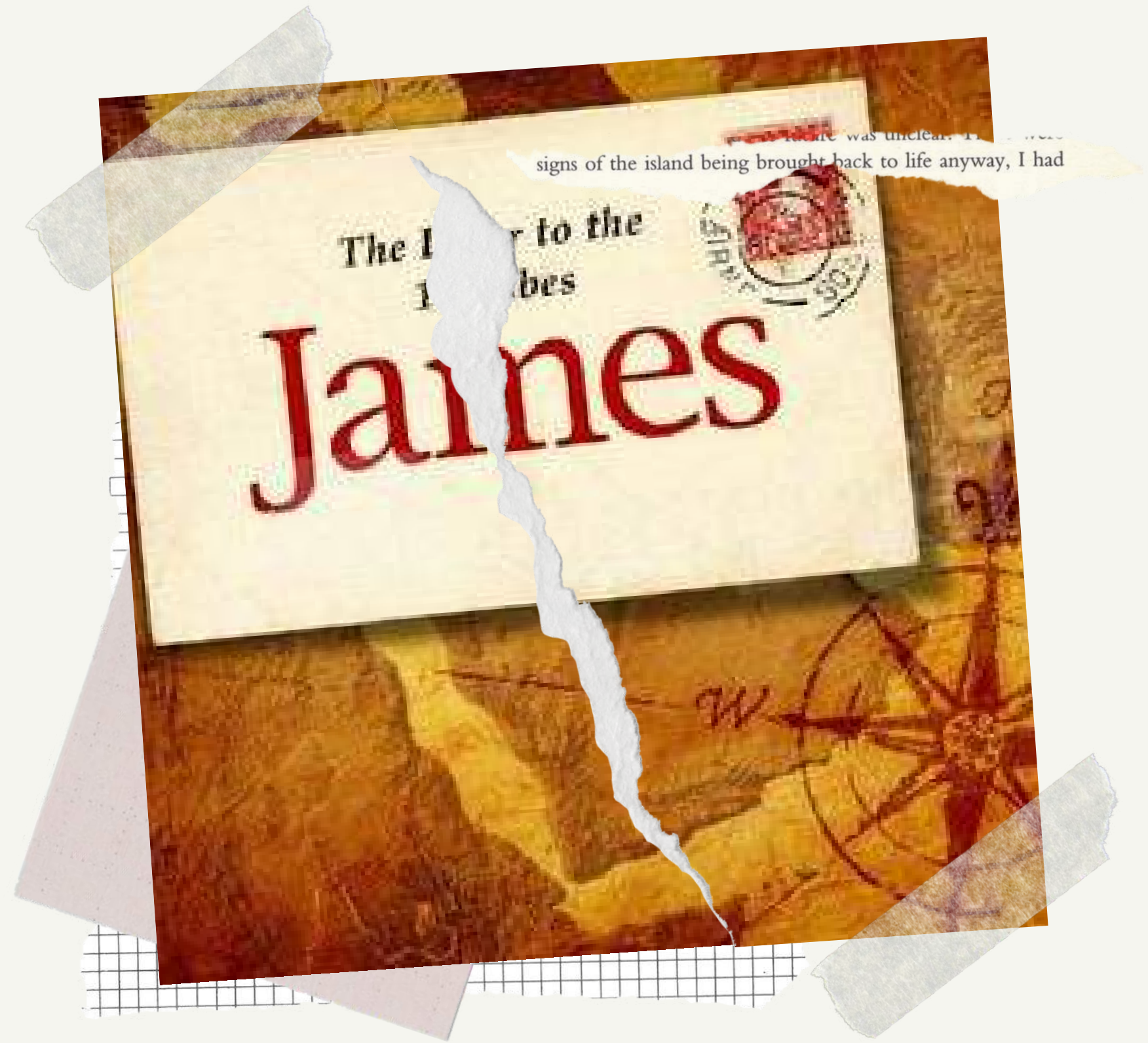
7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ... (1 Cor. 15)





**1 James, a bond-servant of God  
and of the Lord Jesus Christ,**  
(James 1, NASB)





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James

## ACTS 8

1 ... On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. ... 4 Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.

# TRUE FAITH

**01**

True Faith  
Responds  
With Joy  
And  
Godliness  
Under  
Testing

*(1:2-27)*

**02**

True Faith  
Reveals  
Itself In  
Practical  
Obedience

*(2:1-26)*

**03**

True Faith  
Controls The  
Tongue And  
Acts With  
Gentle  
Wisdom

*(3:1-18)*

**04**

True Faith  
Resists  
Arrogance  
By  
Humbling  
Oneself  
Before God

*(4:1-5:18)*

**05**

True faith  
practices  
biblical love  
by seeking  
to restore  
those who  
have  
strayed  
from the  
truth

*(5:19-20)*

# True Faith Responds With Joy In Times of Testing

4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. *(James 1)*



# True Faith Seeks God's Wisdom In Times of Testing



THE  
GOD KIND  
OF **WISDOM**

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

(James 1)



# True Faith Perseveres Under Testing, Not Blaming God For Temptations

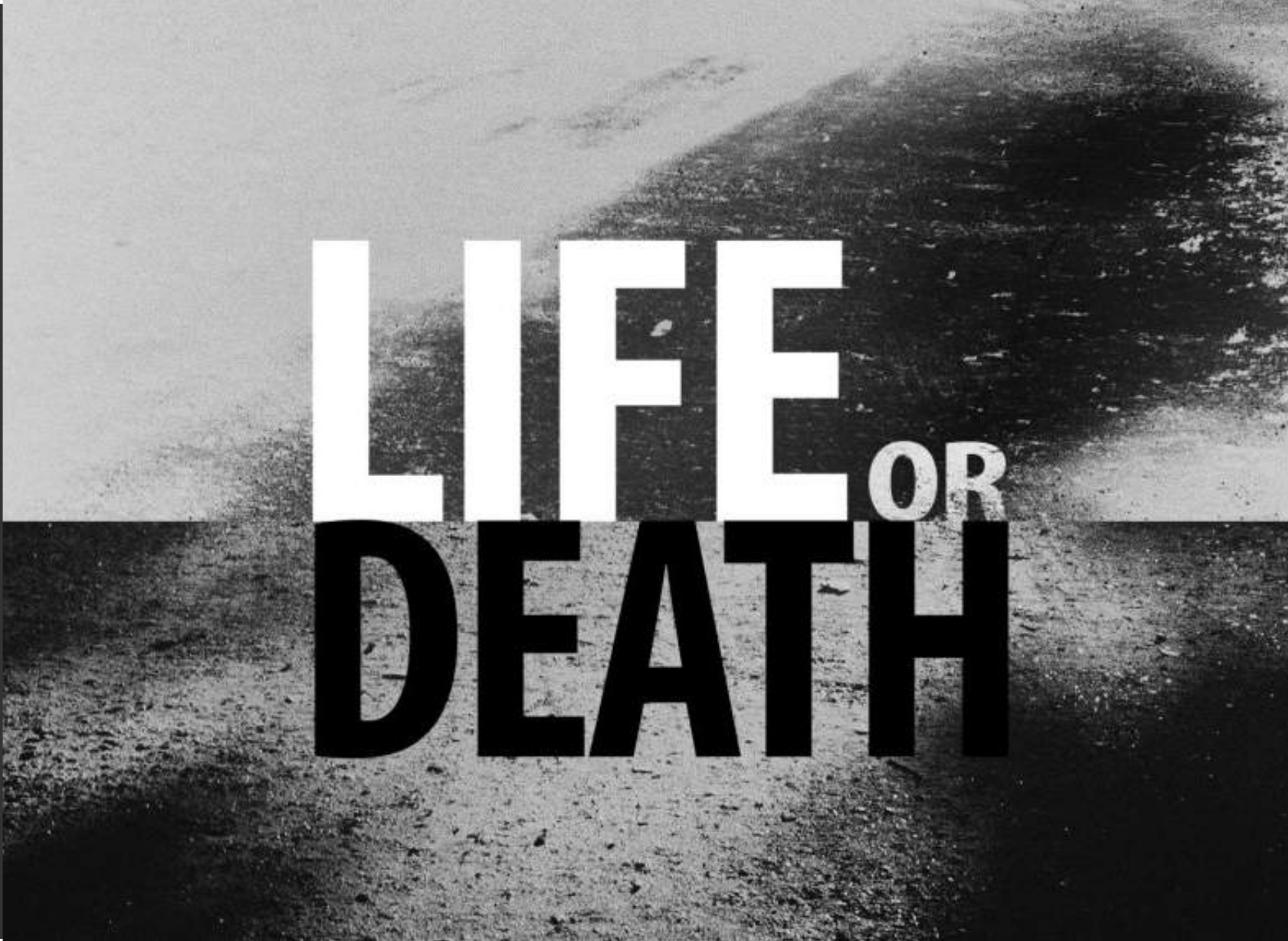
13 When tempted, no one should say, 'God is tempting me.' For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. *(James 1)*



## 2 Destinies

12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

(James 1)



**LIFE** OR  
**DEATH**

# TRUE FAITH DOES NOT SHOW FAVOURITISM

FAITH & FAVORITISM  
don't mix

1 My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism. *(James 2)*



## TRUE FAITH PRACTISES BIBLICAL LOVE

8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbour as yourself,' you are doing right. 9 But if you show favouritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as law-breakers. *(James 2)*

## THE ROYAL LAW

“You shall love your neighbor  
as yourself”

# True Faith Proves Itself By Its Works

A person is shown from the chest up, holding an open Bible. The Bible is open to a page with the word 'JAMES' at the top. The person's hands are visible at the bottom of the frame, holding the pages. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color. A semi-transparent dark grey box is overlaid on the bottom half of the image, containing white text.

A FAITH YOU CAN SEE

JAMES 2:14-18

## James 2

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

## James 2

17 ... faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

## James 2

24 You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.



# TRUE FAITH CONTROLS THE TONGUE

26 Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. *(James 1)*

9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

*(James 3)*

# True Faith Acts With Gentle Wisdom



Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

**James 3:13**

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# True Faith Acts With Gentle Wisdom

But the wisdom that is from above  
is first *pure*, then *peaceable*, *gentle*,  
willing to *yield*, full of *mercy*  
and *good fruits*, without *partiality*  
and without *hypocrisy*.

James 3:17



# True Faith Practises Humility In Relationships



HUMBLE YOURSELVES  
BEFORE THE LORD,  
& HE WILL EXALT YOU.

JAMES 4:10





IF IT'S THE  
LORD'S WILL,  
*then I will.*

JAMES 4:15

## TRUE FAITH PRACTISES HUMILITY IN REGARD TO THE FUTURE

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15 Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'

*(James 4)*

**TRUE FAITH PRACTISES  
HUMILITY BY WAITING FOR  
GOD TO JUDGE THE WICKED  
WHO HAVE WRONGED US**

## **JAMES 5:9**

Do not grumble against one  
another, brothers, so that  
you may not be judged;  
behold,  
the Judge is standing at  
the door.



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LET YOUR  
YES *be* YES  
AND YOUR  
NO *BE* NO

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TRUE FAITH PRACTISES HUMILITY  
BY SPEAKING THE TRUTH APART  
FROM SELF-SERVING OATHS

12 Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear – not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple ‘Yes’ or ‘No’. Otherwise you will be condemned. *(James 5)*

THE PRAYER  
OFFERED IN FAITH  
WILL MAKE THE  
SICK PERSON WELL.  
THE LORD WILL  
RAISE THEM UP.

JAMES 5:15



True Faith  
Practises  
Humility By  
Depending On  
God Through  
Prayer

## James 5

15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.




**WHOEVER TURNS A SINNER  
FROM THE ERROR OF THEIR WAY  
WILL SAVE THEM FROM DEATH  
AND COVER OVER A  
MULTITUDE OF SINS.**

**JAMES 5:20**

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**True Faith  
Practices Biblical  
Love By Seeking  
To Restore Those  
Who Have Strayed  
From The Truth**



Becoming  
more like  
Jesus



## James 1

**22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues in it – not forgetting what they have heard but doing it – they will be blessed in what they do.**

**(James 1)**



*Just live it.*