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Series: James: Faith in Action 2024-11-03

**The Journey to Joyful Endurance**

***James 1:1-18***

**Background:**

1. Who is James? Half brother of Jesus, early church leader.

2. Why did he write this gook? Early church faced challenges

3. What did he put in the book? James offers advice not doctrine.

I. Path to Perfection (1-4)

 A. The Command

 B. The Reason

 C. The Promise

II. Clue for Completeness (5-8)

 A. Our Condition: Desperately Needing Wisdom

 B. Our Hope: God’s Gracious Character

 C. Our Challenge: To disregard our doubt and follow God’s will

III. The Hurdle for Humility (9-11)

 A. The What: Don’t let your circumstances affect your journey

 B. The Why: Circumstances are fleeting, God’s word is eternal

IV. The Crown for Commitment (12-18)

1. We Endure Our Trials, We Are Approved by God, We Receive the Crown of Life
2. Avoid Temptation

 C. Remember God’s Love, Goodness, and Grace

**Question**: How can we demonstrate faith when faced with trials?

**Answer**: There is no simple answer!

 It takes lifetime of trusting God, seeking wisdom, living humbly, and avoiding temptation.

**Main Idea: Trusting God while seeking Wisdom and humility**

 **is key to overcoming trials and temptation**