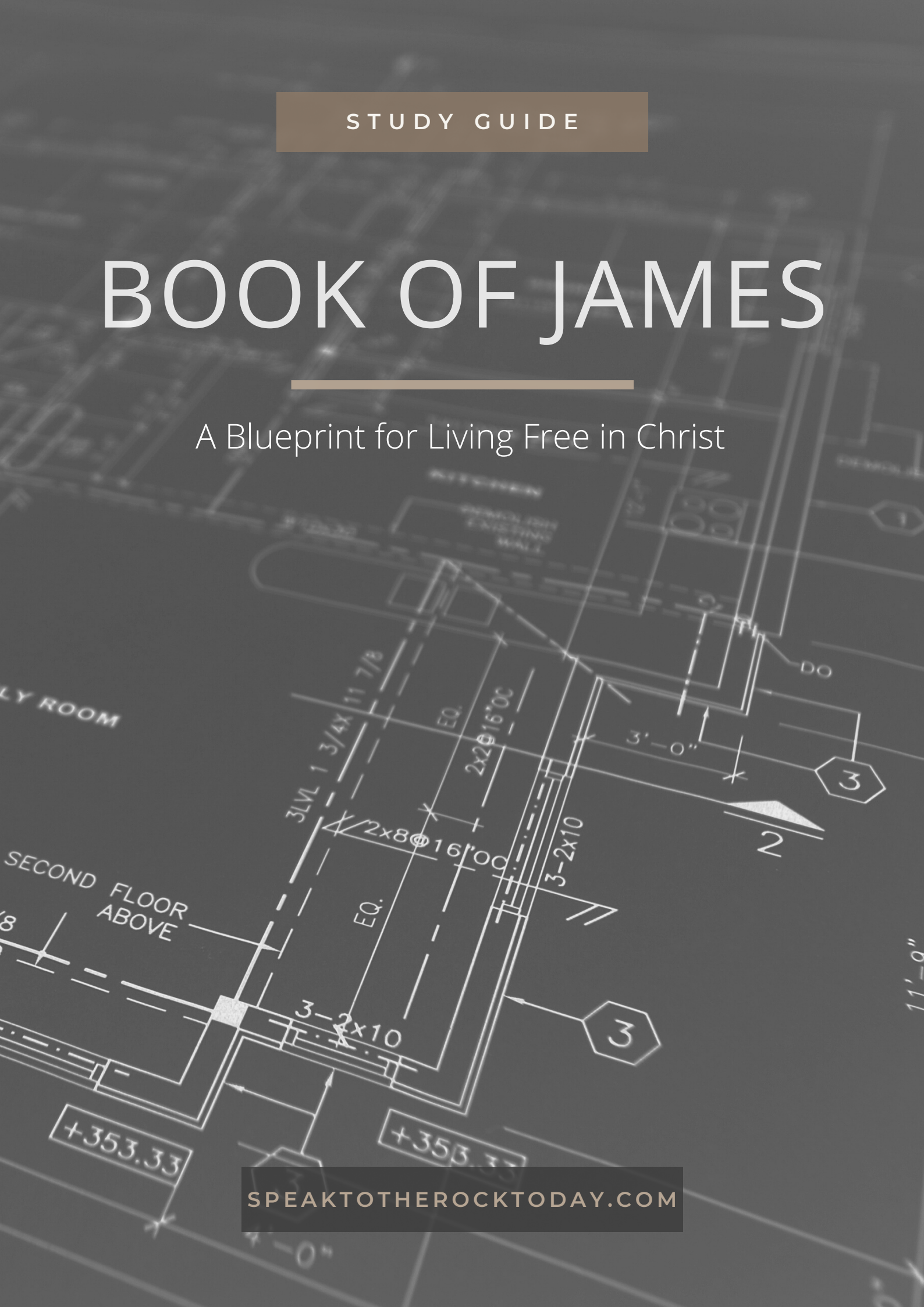


STUDY GUIDE

BOOK OF JAMES

A Blueprint for Living Free in Christ



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**Does James
conflict or
expand the
revelation of
the grace of
Christ?**

David Baird

The background is a detailed architectural floor plan or technical drawing. It features various lines, circles, and rectangles representing structural elements. Numerous numerical annotations are scattered throughout, including diameters like Ø250, Ø500, Ø315, Ø140, Ø710, Ø800, Ø600, Ø251, and Ø160. Other numbers include 130, 13, 127, 129, 137, 000, 009, 008, 1500, 1500, 1500, 2/5, 2/6, 2/7, 2/8, 7, and 13. A pencil is visible at the bottom left, pointing towards the center. On the right side, there are pieces of paper, one of which is labeled 'K1'.

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The objective of this study is to look intently into the book of James on a verse by verse perspective. However, this will not be an academic approach, but diligently expectant of the Holy Spirit to reveal hidden truth. It is the purpose of this study to encourage the participation and input of those who have joined us.

Our purpose is to stimulate revelatory thoughts, questions and dialogue.

Though this is a verse by verse study, as illumination in James begins to unveil, we will be moved to many other places in the Word of God. In some cases, we will spend a great deal of time in these places, but the relevance to a greater understanding of James will be clear.

The Study will be a 10 week course.

HOW TO USE THE STUDY GUIDE

INTERACTIVE APPROACH

Topics and questions will be included throughout the study guide. You will be asked to offer your thoughts, questions and input that you may wish to share at the end of each session. This will be voluntary and no one will be “put on the spot”. You will be encouraged to read and reflect prior to the upcoming session and journal your thoughts. After the session we can examine how your perspectives either changed, were reinforced or expanded. There will be sections in the study guide to journal your notes, thoughts and questions.



MODERATOR

There will be an assigned moderator to organize any questions or comments at the end of each session. The moderator will then present these questions or comments from the live and online audience. Each session will consist of approximately 45 minutes of teaching. The teaching will be followed by questions and input from both those in attendance and the online community. The follow up session time will be assessed as needed. Unfortunately, we will not be able to address all questions/comments before the group. We will endeavor to respond as much as possible via emails or other social media venues after the session.

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CONTRADICTION OR EXPANSION

ESSENTIAL QUESTION:

Does truth in the book of James contradict other passages of scripture or does it clarify?



THE BOOK OF JAMES IS INSPIRED

James is a book of revelation, correction, and admonition inspired by the very Spirit of Christ. It focuses on the possession of your position in Christ. We will see this clearly as we go through this vital message.



HISTORY OF JAMES

James was believed to be written around 49 AD and is considered to be one of the first books written in the NT. Many scholars believe it to be written by James, the brother of Jesus. Arguments circulated that it should not be included in the original canon due to perceived contradictions. Martin Luther diminished its impact calling it a "straw" gospel.



What statements appear to be confusing in James?

QUESTIONS

Question 1

What is your immediate perception and mindset when you read James 1:2-4

Question 2

Are we supposed to count it all joy in various afflictions just because we are “good Christian people” and this is the way we are supposed to act?

Question 3

What is the prerequisite of your joy being made full in these scriptures?

Question 4

What are your views on joy after learning more today? Have they been reinforced or altered?

SESSION 1

SCRIPTURES

NEW KING JAMES VERSION

JAMES 1:2-4

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

JOHN 15:7-8

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

JOHN 15:9-10

As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

JOHN 15:11

These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

JOHN 16:23

And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

JOHN 16:24

Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

1 PETER 1:8-9

...whom having not [a]seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

SESSION 1

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS



JOHN 15 LEARN

In John 15 we see this promise of asking and receiving what you desire and bring forth fruit. Is the fruit of the Spirit mentioned in Galatians mentioned here or is it simply the fruit of Christian character? Click to read more...

[LEARN MORE](#)



JOHN 15 LISTEN

Click below to listen to David share more about the relationship between John 15 and Galatians 5. Grab your coffee and your Bible and enjoy a deeper dive into the scriptural relationship between James 1, Galatians 5, and John 15.

[LISTEN](#)



1 PETER 1:8-9

What does 1 Peter 1:8-9 tell us about what we can expect from Christ's resurrection now? Does the salvation of your soul extend beyond a decision to accept Christ? Enjoy a deeper understanding of how James 1:2 relates to 1 Peter 1:8-9.

[MORE INFO](#)

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We hope this resource has enriched your study of the scripture and invited you into a deeper fellowship and intimacy with Christ. This study guide is meant to expound the scripture, but more importantly, inspire you to seek the truth hidden in the Word. Continue to enjoy our supplemental resources and the beauty of God's word.



DAVID BAIRD

Speak to the Rock Today

I have always had a deep love for the Word of God/Christ and it is my greatest joy to meditate in the presence of the Holy Spirit and listen for His voice. I have always been drawn to ask questions regarding accepted norms, dogma, and traditional interpretations of various biblical subjects that have been handed down through generations. I trust the teachings that you hear will be a fulfillment of this stirring to seek that has guided me all my life. I trust truth will gain the ascendancy above the bondage of previous tradition and dogma.

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