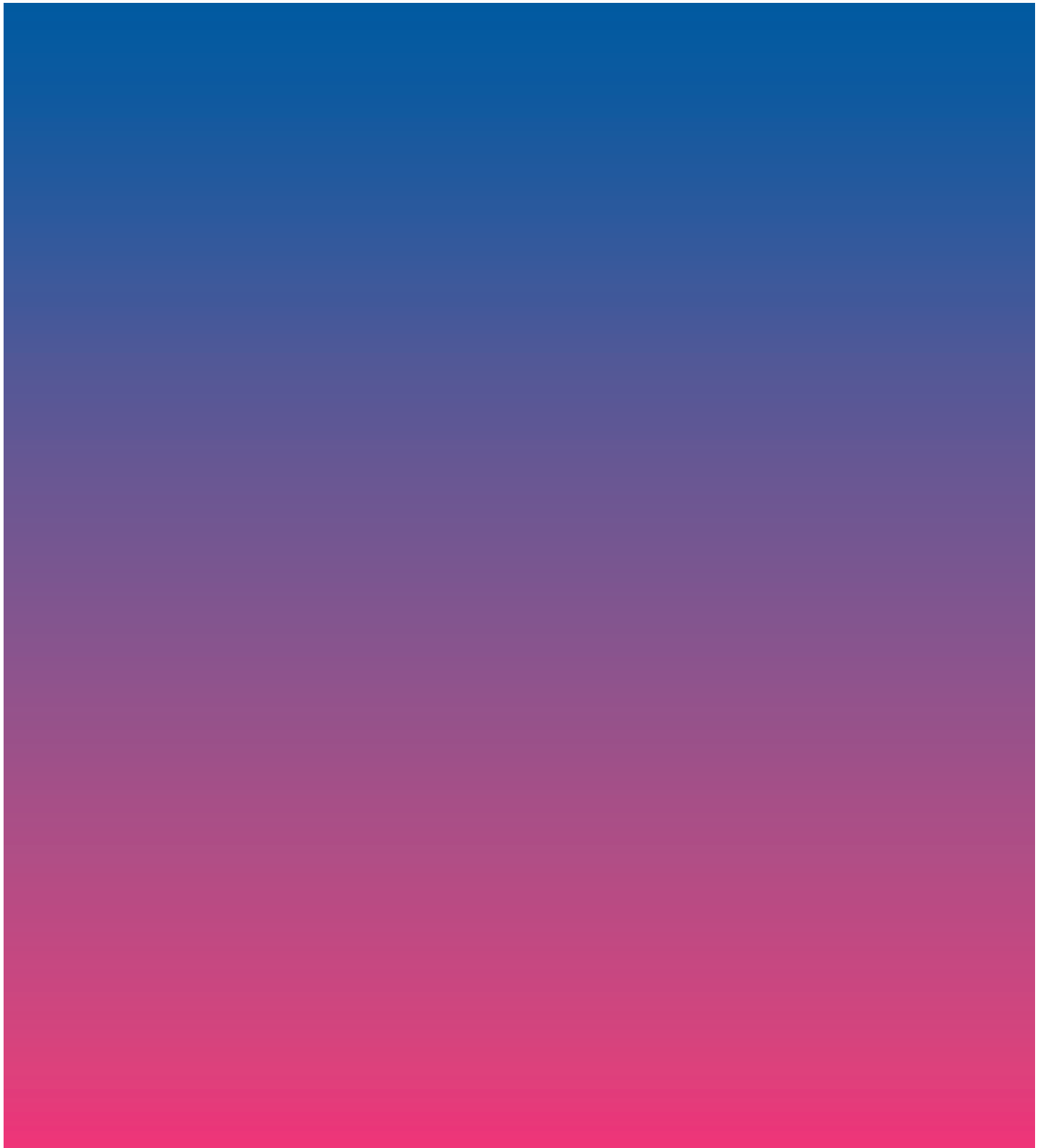


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INTRODUCTION TO JAMES

The Book of James, found in the New Testament, is a letter written by James, the brother of Jesus and a leader in the early Christian church. Unlike other letters that target specific groups, James writes to a wide audience, addressing “the twelve tribes scattered among the nations,” likely Jewish Christians facing trials and challenges.

James is packed with practical advice, urging believers to live out their faith through actions. It combines wisdom literature, like the Proverbs, with the teachings of Jesus, especially those from the Sermon on the Mount. Key themes include persevering through trials, showing genuine faith through good deeds, the impact of our words, and seeking godly wisdom and humility. It’s a down-to-earth guide for putting faith into practice in everyday life.

WHAT IS THE SOAP METHOD?

SOAP is a simple, yet effective approach to studying the Bible that helps us to reflect and ponder on the deeper meaning of scripture as we read through.

“SOAP” stands for **Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer**. In this guide, we’ll explain the meaning of each term and show you how to incorporate them into your personal Bible study time.

The SOAP method can be done in as little as 15 minutes or can take as long as you like—give it a try and experience the difference for yourself!

HOW TO APPLY THE SOAP METHOD

S – SCRIPTURE

Write down the Bible verse.

Slowing down to write or meditate on the Scripture allows time for God to reveal new insights to you.

O – OBSERVATION

Take a closer look at the verses.

Who is the intended audience? Are there repeated words? Which words or phrases stand out? What is the key message or theme?

A – APPLICATION

Make the Scripture personal.

What is God communicating to you today? How can you incorporate what you’ve read into your life?

Are there any changes you need to make?

P – PRAYER

Turn God’s Word into a prayer.

If God has spoken to you through His Word, respond in prayer. It can be a moment of repentance and to take time to thank Him for His goodness in your life.

PROGRESS WEEK 01

WEEKLY READING JAMES 1:1-18

SHORT SUMMARY

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” The journey of faith and following Jesus, calls us to not just be hearers of the word but doers.

There’s a difference between hearing the word and actually listening to it. How do we reconcile this and follow through with it? In this devotional we will draw out principles from the book of James that help us go from hearers to listeners, and from listeners to doers.

PRAYER

Jesus, help to me hear your word from a heart that’s open. I ask that you’d guide me in going from hearing your word, to listening and acting upon it.

Amen.

KEY SCRIPTURE — JAMES 1:19-27 NIV

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 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. Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

DAY
SUNDAY

TIME/DATE

SCRIPTURE

SERMON TITLE
HOW, DO I DO

SPEAKER
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Q1 WHAT ARE THE WAYS IN WHICH YOU CURRENTLY HEAR GOD'S WORD?

Q2 WHY DO YOU THINK IT'S HARD TO GO FROM HEARING, TO LISTENING TO DOING/APPLYING GOD'S WORD TO YOUR LIFE?

Q3 IN WHAT AREA OF YOUR LIFE IS GOD CALLING YOU TO STEP OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE? IS IT SET MINDSETS, FRIENDSHIPS AND PATTERNS OF BEHAVIOUR THAT YOU NEED TO 'STEP OUT' OF AND TRUST GOD?

DAY
MONDAY

TIME/DATE

SCRIPTURE

S-SCRIPTURE / *WRITE SOAP PASSAGE*

O-OBSERVATION / *WRITE 3-4 OBSERVATIONS*

A-APPLICATION / *WRITE 1-2 APPLICATIONS*

P-PRAYER / *WRITE A PRAYER FROM WHAT YOU LEARNED*

DAY
TUESDAY

TIME/DATE

SCRIPTURE

S-SCRIPTURE / *WRITE SOAP PASSAGE*

O-OBSERVATION / *WRITE 3-4 OBSERVATIONS*

A-APPLICATION / *WRITE 1-2 APPLICATIONS*

P-PRAYER / *WRITE A PRAYER FROM WHAT YOU LEARNT*

DAY
WEDNESDAY

TIME/DATE

SCRIPTURE

S-SCRIPTURE / *WRITE SOAP PASSAGE*

O-OBSERVATION / *WRITE 3-4 OBSERVATIONS*

A-APPLICATION / *WRITE 1-2 APPLICATIONS*

P-PRAYER / *WRITE A PRAYER FROM WHAT YOU LEARNT*

DAY
THURSDAY

TIME/DATE

SCRIPTURE

S-SCRIPTURE / *WRITE SOAP PASSAGE*

O-OBSERVATION / *WRITE 3-4 OBSERVATIONS*

A-APPLICATION / *WRITE 1-2 APPLICATIONS*

P-PRAYER / *WRITE A PRAYER FROM WHAT YOU LEARNT*

DAY
FRIDAY

TIME/DATE

SCRIPTURE

S-SCRIPTURE / *WRITE SOAP PASSAGE*

O-OBSERVATION / *WRITE 3-4 OBSERVATIONS*

A-APPLICATION / *WRITE 1-2 APPLICATIONS*

P-PRAYER / *WRITE A PRAYER FROM WHAT YOU LEARNT*

DAY
SATURDAY

TIME/DATE

SCRIPTURE

S-SCRIPTURE / *WRITE SOAP PASSAGE*

O-OBSERVATION / *WRITE 3-4 OBSERVATIONS*

A-APPLICATION / *WRITE 1-2 APPLICATIONS*

P-PRAYER / *WRITE A PRAYER FROM WHAT YOU LEARNT*
