

WEEK FOUR

How can I be consistent when everything around me is changing?

It says in Hebrews to “hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering...for He is faithful” You can be confident, even though everything around you is changing, God is still faithful!

What are three things you do every day?

What are three things you wish you could do every day?

The Book of James

James supplies us with practical advice on living an authentic Christian life. James is a reminder of how to live our faith in everyday circumstances. God doesn't only want us to read the book of James, he wants us to live it: It's time to put God's Word into action!



HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Remember S.O.A.P.

SCRIPTURE

S: “He replied, ‘Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.’” Matthew 17:20

OBSERVE

O: God said even if you have just the smallest bit of faith, you can tell a mountain to move and it will move.

APPLY

A: This scripture encourages me that even when I’m feeling down or hopeless, God says that all I need is a little bit of faith in him, and he will “move the mountain” and take care of whatever my problem is.

PRAY

P: Thank you Lord for being faithful. I ask that you would teach me how to have faith in you so that I won’t be worried when problems come my way. Your word says that nothing is impossible with You on my side, and I ask that you would remind me of that each and every day, especially when I am anxious or worried about something. Thank you for all that you’ve done for me, and I ask that you would open my heart up to all the plans that you have for me. Amen.

Submit and Pray

7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

James 4:7-10

13 Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; 15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. 16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

James 5:13-16

THINK ABOUT IT

1. What is something that you want to change in your life that you have never talked to God about?
2. What is something that you consistently ask God for and have yet to receive?
3. James encourages us to establish or strengthen our hearts. In light of what you have learned this summer, what does it mean to have an “established” heart?
4. How can you draw near to God and how can you help others draw near to God?

RHYTHM STEP

Your future is based off of your right now! What are you established in? What are you rooted in?

Finish the sentences below:

I am... (write down three qualities about yourself)

I will... (write down three things you want to accomplish this school year)

What's important to me is... (write down three things that are most important to you)