

Doer of the Word: Faith in Action  
Summer 2021  
Pastor Daryl Cox



OBEDIENCE IS ACTION

Session 1  
Book of James Overview  
Trying of Your Faith

### **Key Scripture Jas 1:2-4**

“<sup>2</sup> My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; <sup>3</sup> Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. <sup>4</sup> But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing” (KJV).

“<sup>2</sup> My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces [a]patience. <sup>4</sup> But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be [b]perfect and complete, lacking nothing” (NKJV)

### **Instructional Overview**

#### **Big Ideas**

- The teachings of Christ, as prescribed in James, strengthen the Body of Christ and illustrate how comprehending Jesus' teachings strengthens their faith and walk with Christ.
- A faith-filled life requires obedience to the Word.

#### **Essential Questions**

- How does faith influence the Christ follower as a doer of the Word?
- What can contemporary believers learn about proper responses to the trials of their faith from the Book of James?

#### **Learning Outcomes**

- Analyze the meaning of being a doer of the Word based on the two contextual studies.
- Exegete joy and faith in context from Jas 1:2-3 and answer two strategic questions individually and in small group.

**NOTE:** Students will need to understand and apply either the Blue Letter Bible or E-Sword app to pass this class. Further, use two devices during the Zoom session—one to view class on Zoom and the other to exegete scripture.

**Group Member Introduction**

**Directions:**

Each student will introduce himself or herself and tell what they know about the book of James or would like to know about it. (30 seconds per person.)

**Lecture: Background of James  
Follow on Power Point**

**Notes:**

**Defining Joy in Context (Contextual Study: Exegesis)  
Follow with Power Point example**

“My brethren, count it all **joy** when ye fall into divers temptations;” (Jas 1:2).

**Reflection**

**Directions**

1. Write down in your own words what you think joy means in Jas 1:2 above. Pastor Cox will call on a few people to report out.
2. Now, let’s define joy in Jas 1:2 using the context principle. (See Pastor Cox’s power point in the Appendix 2).
3. Finally, since we exegeted joy what is your takeaway from the study? Pastor Cox will call on a few people to report out.

**Context Principle of Hermeneutics**

Hermeneutics deals with the field of biblical study. One of hermeneutics’ key principles includes the *context principle*.

Context connects thoughts running through a portion or whole of Scripture to reveal the original intent of God’s truth.

One interprets a word or verse keeping in mind the surrounding content, historical, and cultural contexts of the passage, book, testament, and Bible.

The God-inspired text speaks for itself in context, rather than the reader injecting ideas into the text.

**Defining Faith in Context (Contextual Study: Exegesis)**  
**Follow with Power Point example**

“Knowing *this*, that the trying of your **faith** worketh patience” (Jas 1:3).

**Reflection**

**Directions**

1. Write down in your own words what you think faith means in Jas 1:2 above. Pastor Cox will call on a few people to report out.
2. Now, let's define joy in Jas 1:2 using the context principle. (Work with Pastor Cox to complete the exegesis.)
3. Finally, since we exegeted faith what is your takeaway from the study? Pastor Cox will call on a few people to report out.

**8:35pm-8:45pm Break**

**Questions to Answer (In small, break-out group)  
Follow with Power Point: How to write a thesis and topic sentences**

Write a thesis statement (Focus, Precise Opinion, three key points) and three topic sentences that match the key points.

As believers, why is having an attitude of joy essential when facing temptation?

**Doer of the Word, Summer 2021— Homework, Session 1  
Homework—Due June 24, 2021**

- E-mail your homework to Pastor Cox ([coxanli77@gmail.com](mailto:coxanli77@gmail.com)) Dr. Paron ([janparon@gmail.com](mailto:janparon@gmail.com)).
- You will find all class materials on the ANLI website ([www.allnationsleadershipinstitute.com](http://www.allnationsleadershipinstitute.com)) under the Student Login on the Student Services page. Password: ANLIstudent. Download exegesis chart from the website. Do not type your own.
- Following APA format and SBL scripture citation. See ANLI Writing Guide for more information.
- Complete all parts of the homework: Readings, contextual study: exegesis, and essay!
- Send both the contextual study: exegesis and essay on one e-mail by class next Thursday. (Anything sent afterwards is late.)
- Late homework will result in the lowering of final grade by one letter per week. If absent, you still must turn in your homework by the due date.

**Part 1. Readings (Posted on the ANLI website. See above for location and password)**

- Reread the verses studied in session one and the word study samples (joy and faith).
- For session two: read and study Jas 1:5-8 (wisdom during testing), 9-11 (poverty as a test), 12-18 (God relating to trials, new birth overcomes sin), 19-27 (general exhortations); 2:1-13 (partiality in treating others) in both the KJV and NKJV. While studying, determine the attitudes faith produce or bring about per these passages.
- Read the article the Three Worlds of Text (<https://specs12.wordpress.com/2013/01/19/the-three-worlds-of-text/>), *Context Principle of Hermeneutics in Jas 1*, and lesson power points. You may find these on the ANLI website.

**Part 2. Contextual Study: Exegesis (Posted on ANLI website on the Student Services page. Go to the student login, and then enter password: ANLIstudent—You must type the homework.)**

Define its Jas 1:2-4 with respect to the assigned questions giving both the gloss and context definitions. Follow the format on the sample. You should write about the same length. Don't skimp on your context definitions. Make sure you name the reference tool you used for the gloss definition. Bullet the definitions.

Please note the question exercises and template match the one you did in class. See ANLI website for template. The homework assignment gives you independent practice for this course and those in the future.

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James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into <b>divers temptations</b> ; (KJV). <b>My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, (NKJV).</b>		
Word Strong # Transliteration	Gloss Definitions	Context Definition
Divers temptations		<b>Behind the Text</b>  <b>Within the Text</b>  <b>Cross References</b>  <b>Four-Sentence Summary</b>



		<p>What is your takeaway of divers temptations from the study? (3-4 sentences)</p> <p>According to the study, how does God work in the lives of His people today? (3-4 sentences)</p>
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**James 1:3**

Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh **patience** (KJV).

knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience (NKJV).

<p>Patience</p>		<p><b>Behind the Text</b></p> <p><b>Within the Text</b></p> <p><b>Cross References</b></p> <p><b>Four-Sentence Summary</b></p> <p>What is your takeaway of patience from the study? (3-4 sentences)</p> <p>According to the study, how does God work in the lives of His people today? (3-4 sentences)</p>
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<p><b>James 1:4</b>          But let patience have her <b>perfect work</b>, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing (KJV).  <b>But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing (NKJV).</b></p>		
perfect		<b>Behind the Text</b>
<i>work</i>		<b>Within the Text</b>
		<b>Cross References</b>
		<b>Four-Sentence Summary</b>
		<b>What is your takeaway of perfect work from the study? (3-4 sentences)</b>
		<b>According to the study, how does God work in the lives of His people today? (3-4 sentences)</b>

**Part 3: Prompt (500-700 Words—Begin on a separate sheet—Type)**

In Jas 1:2, the author tells the scattered Jewish Christians to consider it pure joy when temptation surrounded them.

We do not speak only of our choices here, but of our attitudes and mindset toward the inevitable temptations and trials we face in life

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**Prompt:**

Using only Jas 1:2-4 and what you learned from your word study, answer the below question. Make sure you look at the writing rubric, of which you will be graded.

As believers, why is having an attitude of joy essential when facing temptation?