

October Bible Reading Plan

James: Faith That Works

This October, we step out of Galatians and into the Book of **James**! Last month, Galatians taught us a core truth: we can't earn our way into heaven by following rules. Jesus paid for our salvation on the cross, pure and simple.

Now, James shows us what happens next. If you truly trust Jesus, it will change the way you actually live. Real faith isn't just saying a prayer, giving intellectual nod, or living however you want. James—Jesus' half-brother—shows us that while good works don't *earn* our salvation, true saving faith will always produce real, visible fruit in our words, our choices, and how we treat others.

How to Use This Plan

Keep both truths in balance: good works can't save you, but true faith always changes you. Ask the Holy Spirit each day: *"How can I put this truth into action today?"*

DAILY READING SCHEDULE

DATE	SCRIPTURE	FOCUS / THEME
WEEK 1: TRIALS, WISDOM, & PUTTING TRUTH INTO PRACTICE		
Oct 1–3	James 1:1–18	Trusting God through tough times, asking Him for wisdom, and resisting temptation.
Oct 4–7	James 1:19–27	Quick to listen, slow to anger, and putting God's Word into action—not just hearing it.
WEEK 2: LOVE WITHOUT FAVORITES & LIVING FAITH		
Oct 8–11	James 2:1–13	Rejecting favoritism, loving your neighbor, and walking in the law of freedom.
Oct 12–15	James 2:14–26	Faith vs. Talk: Talk is cheap! True saving faith always shows up in real, active obedience.
WEEK 3: TAMING THE TONGUE & HUMBLE WISDOM		

DATE	SCRIPTURE	FOCUS / THEME
Oct 16–19	James 3	The power of our words, taming the tongue, and seeking wisdom that comes from above.
Oct 20–23	James 4	Overcoming pride, stepping away from worldly values, and humbling ourselves before God.
WEEK 4: PATIENT ENDURANCE & POWERFUL PRAYER		
Oct 24–27	James 5:1–12	Warning against trusting in wealth, staying patient in suffering, and trusting God's return.
Oct 28–31	James 5:13–20	Praying in faith, confessing sins together, and restoring brothers and sisters who wander.

OCTOBER REFLECTION PROMPTS

1. **On Living Faith (Chapter 2):** Someone once said, *"We are saved by faith alone, but saving faith is never alone."* How does my life show that my faith is alive and active?
2. **On Taming the Speech (Chapter 3):** Words can build up or tear down. Are my daily words reflecting the grace and kindness Christ has shown me?
3. **On Humility (Chapter 4):** Where in my life am I relying on my own strength instead of surrendering and drawing close to God?

"For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead."
— James 2:26