## JAMES: A TRAVEL GUIDE FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR

Writer: Half-brother of Jesus . . . biological son of Mary and Joseph

<u>Purpose:</u> To provide specific, practical instruction on how faith works in everyday life

Recipients: Jewish believers who were rootless, persecuted, and confused, trying to survive while suffering

<u>Date:</u> A.D. 45–50

## REAL FAITH PRODUCES . . .

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<u>Background Information:</u> First-century Jewish Christians struggled with persevering through hardship, maintaining lives of good deeds, promoting peace in their churches, and living patiently in anticipation of the Lord's promised return. They knew Jesus as "the way of life" but they needed a "travel guide" to help them walk in that way. So do we! In the midst of life's stresses and struggles, we can all give thanks for James' very practical guide to follow.