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WELCOME TO JAMES!

James: Following God's Road Signs is a 27-lesson Bible study on the book of James recommended for Middle and High school girls. It is written to encourage, guide, and deepen faith when girls hit the bumpy roads in life. But there is good news! God is on our side and gives us INSTRUCTIONS for how to navigate—even when we choose to drive our own way often finding ourselves on a dead-end street. The book of James is a road map guiding us in the right direction.

Following God's Road Signs teaches girls to put their FAITH INTO ACTION by stopping, looking at God's map, and asking Him for directions. This study is great for youth groups, small groups, homeschool groups, or personal study.

HOW TO USE THIS STUDY

This creative Bible study takes you through the book of James chapter by chapter and word by word. Using the connection with "Following God's Road Signs," we will drive slow and stop often. God wants us to take time to learn His ways. It's easy to get distracted, but God wants you to keep your eyes on the road and focus on His Word.

Each lesson highlights:

Scripture: We will be reading through the entire book of James word for word over 27-lessons.

Definition: Each lesson has a definition that identifies the theme for that specific Scripture.

Discussion: Using the definition as a foundational point, we will discuss the passage and dive deeper into a scripted scenario that girls might experience today.

Directional Questions: Four questions for girls to take the Scripture passage and apply it "real time" into their lives.

Backroad Drivin': A Summation of the Scripture passage.

Additional Sightseeing: Extra passages to look up to dig further into God's Word.

Stop and Write Down Your Prayers: A prayer and journal section to write notes on the passages and prayer requests

Examples of lessons include:

- * No Parking in Self Pity/ James 1: 2-4
- * Stop and Ask for Directions/ James 1:5-8
- * No Traffic Violation/ James 2:9-13
- * The Divine Driver's Manual/ James 3:13-18
- * Dead End or New Beginning/ James 4:11-17
- * Behave Behind the Wheel/ James 5:1-6

ART PROJECTS

James, Following God's Road Signs offers **five art projects** with one bonus project that reinforce each chapter. Each art project is fun, easy, and comes with an art instructional video that can be found on our website. ThouArtExalted is a creative ministry that partners with art to reinforce Scripture. It's an excellent learning tool and will help to remind you the directions God wants you to go!

Each art project video can be found on thouartexalted.com/James.art
The password is given with purchase

I am beyond excited you have joined me on this journey to study the book of James and to **Follow God's Road Signs**. Navigating Middle and High School can be tough and these years often take you on turns you weren't expecting. Thankfully, this study will provide you with God's road map that will lead you in the right direction.

Whoo hoo! Here we go! I am praying for YOU and your journey to keep your eyes on Jesus. Please reach out if you have any questions, prayers, or need art support. Just email me at annie@thouartexalted.com.

GOD SPEED and Safe Driving!

Annie



JAMES

1:1

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

"From James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. To all of God's people who are scattered everywhere in the world:

Greetings." (ICB)

DEFINITION: Greetings

1. The act or an instance of welcoming or saluting on meeting
 - a. An expression of friendly salutation

DISCUSSION

When you introduce yourself, what is first thing you want someone to know about you? It's the GOOD things, right? Maybe you're in a new school, running for student council, or going on a youth trip where you do not know ANYONE. Your natural desire is to make a good FIRST IMPRESSION.

Did you know that James was the half-brother of Jesus? Yet, James fails to mention this to us in the introduction. Don't you think this would have been an **important** piece of information to include as the author of this book? Being blood related to Jesus is **GOOD** first impression material.

Speaking of first impressions, James is teaching us a valuable life-long lesson. Instead of boasting about his blood line, James introduces himself as a "servant of God and of the Lord Jesus"—FIRST. Would you introduce yourself as a servant of God even BEFORE all the good things you have accomplished? Even before the sports you play, the grades you make, where your family lives, who your friends are, and that your aunt on your Dad's side rode down the elevator with Justin Beiber?

James teaches us that BEFORE we say, "GREETINGS," we must know WHOSE we are, before we introduce WHO we are.

DIRECTIONAL QUESTIONS

1. How many different ways can you say, "GREETINGS?" (Be creative! Think of different cultures and personalities.)

2. When you introduce yourself, what are three things you want someone to know about you? What are the three things you like best about yourself?

3. The book of James was written to Christians everywhere to show believers how to practice their faith. With this information, why would James introduce himself as a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ and not his half-brother?

4. **JAMES: Following God's Road Signs** is a Bible study on directional "God-signs" that lead us through faith in Jesus. How is knowing you are a servant of Jesus following His Road Signs?

KNOW WHOSE YOU ARE BEFORE
YOU INTRODUCE WHO YOU ARE.

BACKROAD DRIVIN'

James wrote this letter to ALL believers in Christ scattered abroad. This includes YOU and ME! James' letter to us is about taking our FAITH into ACTION. God gives us GREAT DIRECTIONS to map our way through life. But, He also gives us CHOICES. We can either choose the world's road signs leading to U-turns and dead ends, or we can choose to follow GOD's perfect map. Let's STOP often and ask for His directions. Getting lost is NOT an option.



ADDITIONAL SIGHTSEEING

Look up Ephesians 1:4, John 1:12, and 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Identify the three C's of **whose** you are. Ask yourself why these are important when seeing yourself as a servant of God, first. (Answers on bottom)

Ephesians 1:4

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John 1:12

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2 Chronicles 7:14

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I am a CHILD of God, I am CHOSEN by God, and I have been CALLED by God.

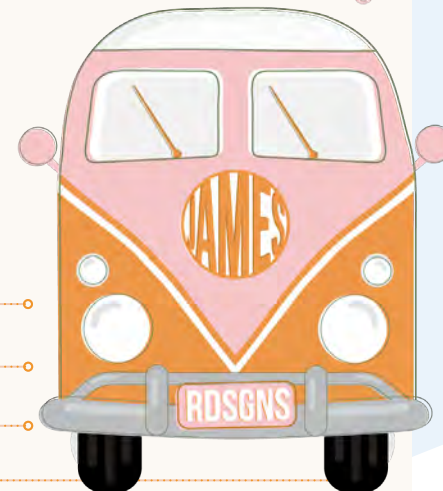
STOP

and write down your prayers.

Lord,

I represent YOU first! Thank you for the gifts and talents you have given to me. I pray to always glorify YOU and be your servant, first. Help me to follow YOUR road signs in life. Keep me from U-turns and dead ends. I pray that my FAITH will always be put into action.

Amen.



Multiple horizontal dashed lines for writing prayers.

JAMES 1:1