



# James, Part 7: Genuine Faith Boasts in the Lord

The following is a simple guide to help you incorporate Scripture and prayer into your week. Each day begins with reflection on a Psalm followed by the Scripture that was preached this past Sunday. Please set aside 20-30 minutes to prayerfully engage the daily readings and reflections. Be blessed!

Week 7 • October 19 - October 23, 2009

## Monday, October 19

### Read Psalm 147.

Focus your attention on a specific verse, word, phrase, etc. that gripped you. Turn this verse into a prayer for your day.

### Reflection:

What does this Psalm teach you about the person & character of God? What does this Psalm teach you about God's will for your life? Your families? Our church?

### Read James 4:13-15.

Do you sometimes find yourself running ahead of God? Take some time to re-submit your life to Him and to His plans for you. Ask what His will for you this day would be.

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## Tuesday, October 20

### Read Psalm 148.

Focus your attention on a specific verse, word, phrase, etc. that gripped you. Turn this verse into a prayer for your day.

### Reflection:

What does this Psalm teach you about the person & character of God? What does this Psalm teach you about God's will for your life? Your families? Our church?

### Read James 4:16-17.

What do you think James's churches were "boasting" about that made James so upset? Ask God to give you a heart that boasts not in your own powers, plans and schemes but in His.

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## Wednesday, October 21

### Read Psalm 149.

Focus your attention on a specific verse, word, phrase, etc. that gripped you. Turn this verse into a prayer for your day.

### Reflection:

What does this Psalm teach you about the person & character of God?

What does this Psalm teach you about God's will for your life? Your families? Our church?

### Read 1 Corinthians 1.

What does it mean for us to boast in human wisdom and not God's? What would it look like for you to "boast in the Lord"? Spend some time this morning asking God to give you a heart of wisdom to know the difference between boasting in our pride vs. boasting in the glory of God.

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## Thursday, October 22

### Read Psalm 150.

Focus your attention on a specific verse, word, phrase, etc. that gripped you. Turn this verse into a prayer for your day.

### Reflection:

What does this Psalm teach you about the person & character of God?

What does this Psalm teach you about God's will for your life? Your families? Our church?

### Read James 5:1-6.

What is James so angry about this passage? Ask the Lord to search your heart to see if there is any crooked or unjust way within you that needs to be repented of and turned over to God. Ask Him to give you a love for those around you---especially those with whom you don't particularly like or get along with.

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## Friday, October 23

### Read Psalm 139.

Focus your attention on a specific verse, word, phrase, etc. that gripped you. Turn this verse into a prayer for your day.

### Reflection:

What does this Psalm teach you about the person & character of God?

What does this Psalm teach you about God's will for your life? Your families? Our church?

### Read James 1:5.

Continue to ask God to give you a heart of wisdom that you may know how to glory in Him and Him alone.

What evidences of grace have you seen in your life this week? Spend some time thanking and praising God for them.

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