

## ROAD RULES from the Book of JAMES

Message: ONE WAY

Text: James 1:1-18

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### 1. ONE APPROACH

**James 1:1-4** *James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ: To the twelve tribes dispersed abroad. Greetings. <sup>2</sup> Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. <sup>4</sup> And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.*

### 2. ONE AIM

**James 1:5-12** *Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord, <sup>8</sup> being double-minded and unstable in all his ways. <sup>9</sup> Let the brother of humble circumstances boast in his exaltation, <sup>10</sup> but let the rich boast in his humiliation because he will pass away like a flower of the field. <sup>11</sup> For the sun rises and, together with the scorching wind, dries up the grass; its flower falls off, and its beautiful appearance perishes. In the same way, the rich person will wither away while pursuing his activities. <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the one who endures trials, because when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.*

### 3. ONE ABSOLUTE

**James 1:13-18** *No one undergoing a trial should say, “I am being tempted by God,” since God is not tempted by evil, and he himself doesn’t tempt anyone. <sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own evil desire. <sup>15</sup> Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is fully grown, it gives birth to death. <sup>16</sup> Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> By his own choice, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.*

### THREE FOR THE ROAD

1. Seek joy in everything; all things are passing moments, live for what is not! (2 Cor. 4:18)
2. As trials come, persevere through God’s wisdom (Prov. 3:5-6)
3. Don’t be swayed, trust, and fix your eyes on Jesus for He will never fail you (Heb. 12:1-2)