



Title: A Savior At the End of the Book

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Series: WWJD (What Would James Do?)

Text: James 5:17-20

Synopsis: Most of us who are of a certain age can remember the classic children's story "The Monster At the End of This Book". In the book, Grover is horrified to learn that there is a monster at the end of the book and begs the reader not to finish it, so as to avoid the monster. He uses several methods to try and keep the reader from progressing, including tying the pages shut and cementing them together with bricks. After each page is turned, the results of the failed effort is shown, and Grover tries a new method to keep the reader from turning yet another page. To the amusement and relief of Grover, the monster at the end of the book turns out to be none other than himself. Remember?

So is there a parallel with the book of "James" and "The Monster At the End of This Book"? Well not really, other than the fact that just as Grover was surprised to discover that the identity of the monster at the end of the book was actually *him*, you may be surprised to discover that the savior at the end of the book is actually *you*. No, you're not Jesus (just in case you thought you were). But you are his hands, his feet, and his voice. James reminds his readers, "Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death." Surprised? Embarrassed? Well, so was Grover. You see there *is* a savior at the end of the book. And it's *it you!*