



Title: WWJD (What Would James Do?)

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Text: James 1:1-2:12

Synopsis: We have all asked ourselves the question, “What would Jesus do?” And we have all come to the conclusion that probably the better question is, “What is Jesus doing through us?” But what if we asked the question, “What would James do?” After all, he was Jesus stepbrother. I’m pretty sure that if I told my brother that I was the way, the truth and the life and that I was the only way to heaven, he’d probably punch me in the mouth.

Yet James did believe and he gave us some of the most practical and liberating action points in all of Scripture. He teaches us how to deal with suffering, unbelief, pride, sickness, but most of all, he teaches us how to love. And not just to love superficially (which isn’t love at all) but to genuinely love God and his people. Sometimes genuine love is misunderstood, as is James’ letter to the church. But when rightly understood, James teaches us what he calls the “perfect law” the “royal law” the “law that brings freedom”. In short, James teaches us Jesus’ law, that is, the law of love. So ask the question with me, “What would James do?”