



SPECIAL REPORT

COUNTERFEIT FAITH

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WEEK 5

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Note: We recommend that you watch the adult service and the JW Kids lesson this series.

Read James 1:2-3

This summer, our WHOLE church is doing a series called **"Counterfeit Faith"** where we are learning about the Book of James.

This week we are learning about how our Faith grows from hard situations.

James wrote this letter to teach Christians how to live an authentic faith that is pleasing to God, even when hard times come. We should put our faith into action by not only listening to the Word of God, but by doing what it says.

We all face hard time, and when we do parts of our faith are revealed. Our faith can reveal itself as authentic or counterfeit. In the hard times we have an opportunity to learn and grow in our faith and relationship with Jesus. When hard times happen we can either come to know God deeper and grow in our faith, regardless of how hard things are or have been.

When Life is Hard, Remember These Three Things

God Loves You...

...especially when things are hard. Try to memorize some scripture verses so you can remember how much God loves you. So when life is hard, you can use these verses to cling to when life tries to make you forget. Here are a few that are easy to remember.



God Always keeps His Promises

God cannot lie. So when you read the Bible and it says that God will work things out for your good. You can take that promise to the bank. See how many promises you can find in the Bible. Here are a few to get you started.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

He will make your paths straight.

ISAIAH 40:31

He gives strength to the weary.

ROMANS 8:28

He makes all things work for good.

EPHESIANS 1:5

He has adopted you.

COLOSSIANS 1:14

He has redeemed you.

MATTHEW 11:28

He will give you rest.

PSALM 50:10

Call on Him and He will answer.

EXODUS 14:14

He will fight for you.

ISAIAH 54:10

His love never fails.

DEUTERONOMY 31:6

He will never forsake you.

1 JOHN 1:19

Confess and He forgives.

JOHN 3:16

He has given you eternal life.

God is Always There

Memorize **Psalm 23**. When life is hard this scripture can help you calm down and feel God's peace. Life gets messy and hard but understanding these few simple truths about God can help you keep your joy and peace. They will also help you grow in your faith as you begin to show your **AUTHENTIC** faith.

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,

He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely Your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Put Scripture in Here



ASK YOURSELF

What do I do when life is hard?

Who can I go to when I am feeling down?

What have I learned from my hard times?