

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S JAMES (Part 1)

THE AUTHOR'S IDENTITY (James 1:1 NKJV)

- How James saw himself
 1. He was the half brother of Jesus
 2. He called himself a servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ
- More than a traditional greeting
 1. A place of identity
 2. Creates the question; how do we identify?
 3. Our first place of identity - a servant of Christ (**1 Corinthians 7:22-23 NKJV**)

COUNT IT ALL JOY (James 1:2-3 NKJV)

- Count - to view, regard, esteem
 1. A perspective, not a feeling (**2 Corinthians 9:5 NKJV**)
 2. Fall into different trials, challenges, problems

THE TRYING OF YOUR FAITH

- Faith (**Hebrews 11:1 NKJV**)
 1. Confident of what we expect
 2. Convinced of what we don't see
 3. There needs to be some level of faith to be tried
- A great example of faith (**Mark 5:25-34 NKJV**)
 1. The lady was in a worsening condition
 2. She heard of Jesus (**Romans 10:17 NKJV**)
 3. She said what she believed (**Matthew 9:21 NKJV**)
 4. She acted on what she believed
 5. She received a supernatural answer
- Following her faith pattern
 1. There must be a desire for change
 2. What are we hearing on a regular basis
 3. What are we saying? (**Romans 10:10 NKJV**)
 4. What are we acting upon? (**Psalms 27:13 NKJV**)