

WALKING IN TRUTH BY FAITH – 2
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REVIEW:

- **3 JOHN 3-4** – We can know the truth, and we can walk in it.
- Jesus brought truth into the world. **JOHN 1:14**
- The knowledge of the truth liberates. **JOHN 8:31-32**
- The spirit and flesh are at war. **GALATIANS 5:16-17**
- Deception presents lies as truth. **GENESIS 3:4-5**
- The Spirit guides us into all truth. **JOHN 16:13**

CONTINUE:

DON'T BE DECEIVED – JAMES 1:16-22 (ESV)

James is writing to Christian Jews who were scattered because of persecution. They were hated by Jews, and not accepted by Gentiles. James was probably their Pastor at Jerusalem when Stephen was martyred. Fearing for their lives, they left Jerusalem and went to other places where they would meet and establish churches. James encourages them to walk out their faith and not be deceived into thinking God is behind their struggles, trials and persecution.

- **JAMES 1:1-4** – It takes faith to walk in truth.
- **JAMES 1:12** – There's a reward for enduring temptation.
- **JAMES 1:13** – God is not the force behind temptation.
- **JAMES 1:14-15** – The main challenge is our flesh, lusts, and emotions.
- **JAMES 1:16** – Don't be misled, misinformed or led astray.
- **JAMES 1:17** – Light and darkness oppose each other. God has no darkness in Him.
- **JAMES 1:18** – The truth revealed. Compare **JOHN 1:13**
- **JAMES 1:19-20** – Being angry with God does no good.
- **JAMES 1:21** – We all need delivered from our corrupt way of thinking.
- **JAMES 1:22** – By practicing the Word, we grow out of being controlled by our emotional feelings and fleshly desires. **JOHN 10:10** Divides between the works of God and Satan.

THE APPLICATION – ACTS 5:40-42, 16:25-26

These testify to how we can walk in truth and rise above the dictates of our flesh and emotional feelings. In **HEBREWS 5:12-14**, we see that we must exercise our senses as we would our physical body in order to mature to the level of these First Century Saints.