

Bible Study Discussion

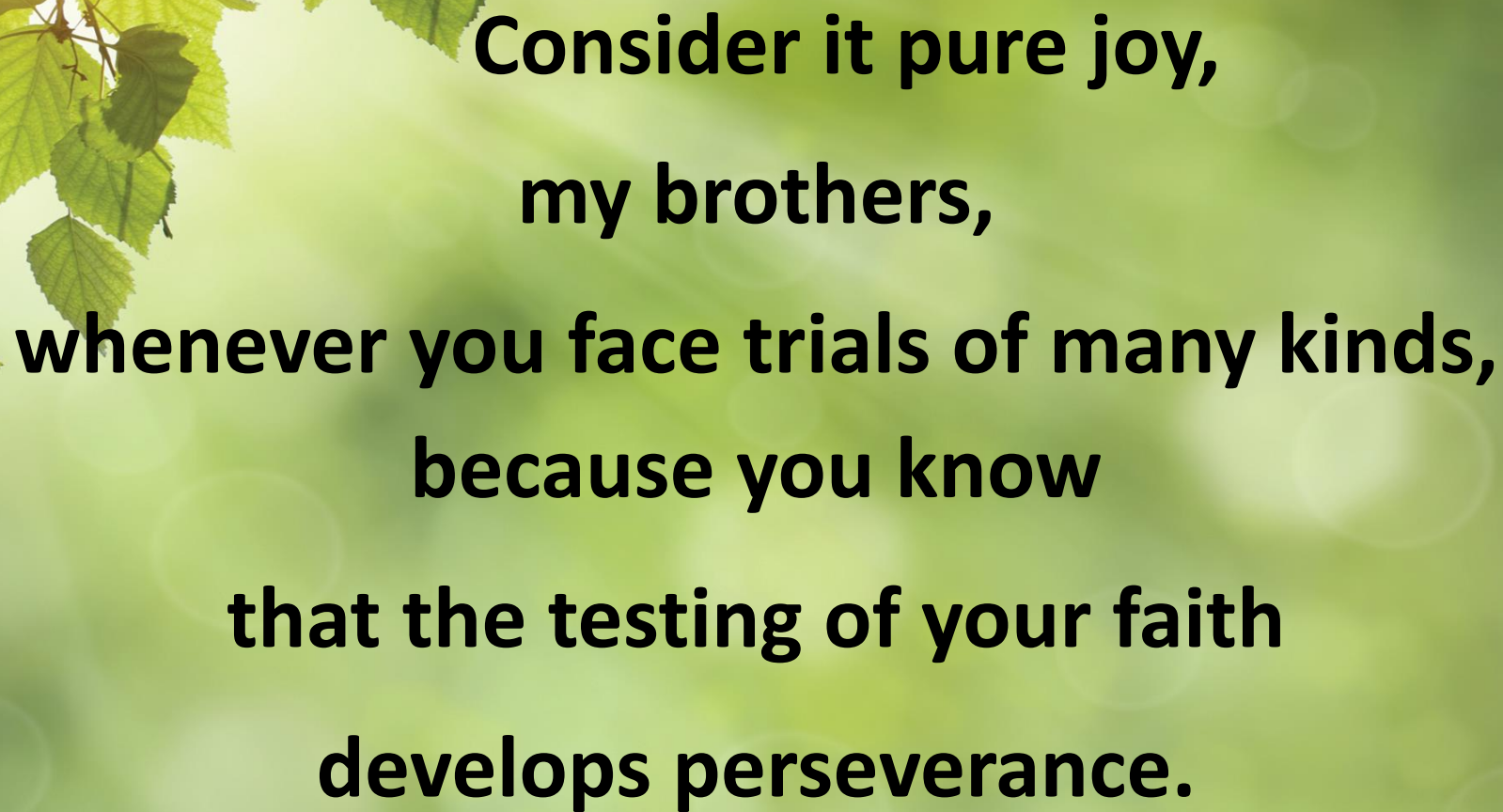
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Ephesians 5:21-6:9

Lesson 10



Gift of James



**Consider it pure joy,
my brothers,
whenever you face trials of many kinds,
because you know
that the testing of your faith
develops perseverance.**

James 1:2-3

Memory Verse



**PICKPOCKET
TEAMS**



God's Timing is Perfect!

We are the ones who need to practice and prepare until God says the timing is perfect.



Moses



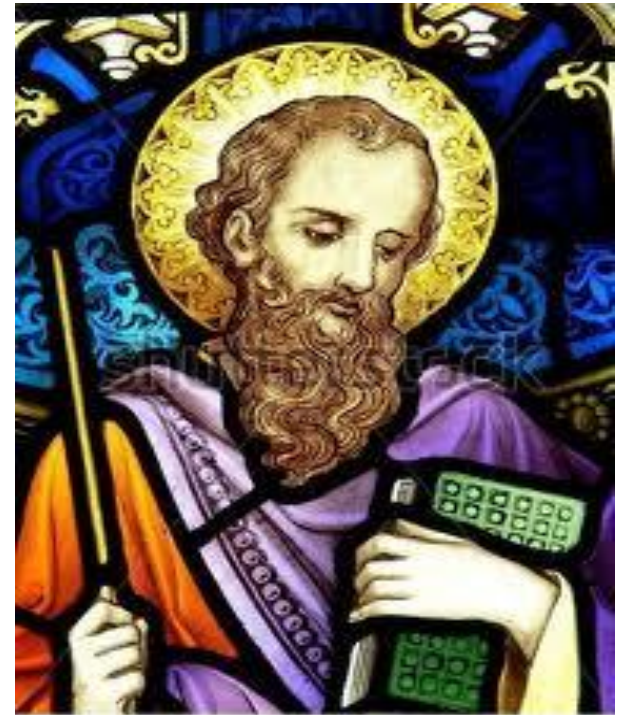
David



James

Who is James?

- Half-brother of Jesus
- Jewish Believer
- Leader and Teacher
- Servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ.



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What is a Servant?

- Man serving man usually implies quid pro quo.
- Servant of God seeks to serve even if the other one is unresponsive and resentful.
- We are to sow seeds, and the Spirit enables the growth.
- Servants of God have love in their hearts and their primary obligation is to God.

Why was it written?

To give instruction and inspiration



When was it written?

About A.D. 49 before Ephesians

Who were the recipients of James' letter?

- Jewish believers living around the Mediterranean in the Roman world.
- Scattered due to persecution.
- Since there is no mention of any personal experience James had with his readers or a messenger, we assume he does not know them.
- They grew up observing the law and the customs of the Jewish faith plus believing that Jesus is the Messiah.
- They thought the seat of authority was in Jerusalem, the heart of Jewish Christianity.



Themes

We are to live out our faith.

- **Actions respond to the Word**
- **Culture tempts**
- **Transformation**

We will have trials.

- **Mature**
- **Pray for wisdom**
- **God provides**

We are to speak wisely.

- **Self-control**
- **Humility and peace**
- **Let go and let God**

We should be good stewards of God's gifts.

- **Storage**
- **Accountability**
- **Generosity**

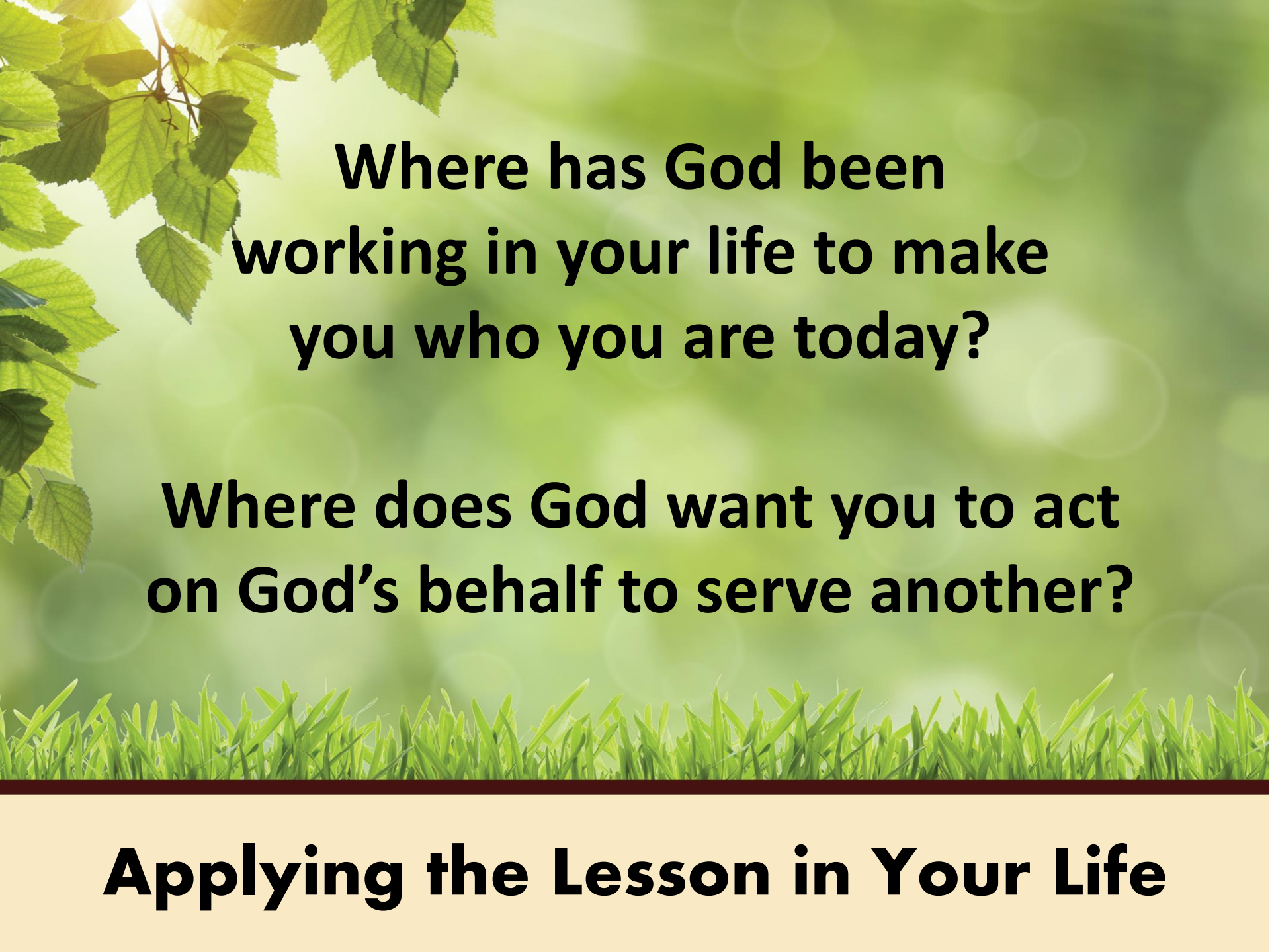
We are to love and serve others.

- **God's grace & mercy saves us and not our doing**
- **Live selflessly**

*We give thanks to God
for God's abundant gifts and
God's perfect timing.*



Solí deo gloria!



**Where has God been
working in your life to make
you who you are today?**

**Where does God want you to act
on God's behalf to serve another?**

Applying the Lesson in Your Life

Closing Prayer

