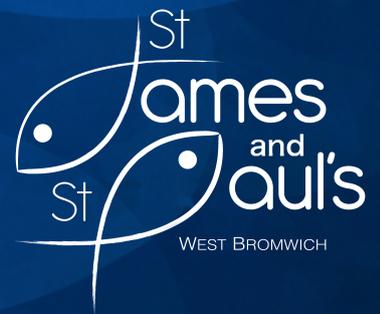


A Lent Reading Guide

A 40-Day Companion Guide Through the Book of James

“Draw near to God,
and He will
draw near to you.”

— James 4:8



Lent is a season of repentance, renewal, and intentional growth. This guide invites you to take One More Step each day—not toward perfection, but toward faithful obedience.

Each daily reflection includes three movements:

1. Grow in Christ
2. Pray for a Friend
3. Invite a Friend

Daily Guide Format

1. Read the Word

Read the assigned passage from James slowly and prayerfully. Ask God to reveal truth, correction, and encouragement.

2. Grow in Christ (Personal Obedience)

Reflection Questions:

- What does this passage teach me about God's character?
- What does it reveal about my attitudes, words, or actions?
- What is one small step of obedience I can take today?

One More Step Action:

Write one practical action you will take today in response to God's Word.

 Today, I will take one more step by...

3. Pray for a Friend (Intercession)

Choose one person who does not yet know Christ or is far from Him.

Prayer Focus:

Pray for their heart to be open to truth
Pray for clarity, conviction, and courage
Pray that God would use you in their life

 Lord, today I lift up...

We encourage you to pray for the same person every day throughout lent.

4. Invite a Friend (Faith in Action)

Ask God to show you how to take one relational step:

Invite them to church or a church activity

Start a spiritual conversation

Offer prayer or encouragement

Share your testimony when appropriate

 *This week, my invitation step will be...*

Remember: obedience is our responsibility; results belong to God.

Scripture Memory

Why not try and memorise some of these Bible Verses?

James 1:22 — Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 2:17 — In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 3:17 — Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

James 4:8 — Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

James 5:16 — Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Closing Prayer for Lent

Lord, help me not to stand still in my faith.
Give me courage to grow, faithfulness to pray,
and boldness to invite.
Lead me one step closer to You each day.
Amen.

40 Days in the Book of James

Theme: Living Faith — One Step at a Time

Days 1–5: A Faith That Endures (James 1)

February 18th: James 1:1–4 — Perseverance produces maturity
February 19th: James 1:5–8 — Asking God for wisdom
February 20th: James 1:9–11 — Humility in all circumstances
February 21st: James 1:12–15 — Standing firm against temptation
February 23rd: James 1:16–18 — God's goodness and new birth

Days 6–10: Hearing and Doing the Word

February 24th: James 1:19–21 — Listening before speaking
February 25th: James 1:22–25 — Being doers of the Word
February 26th: James 1:26–27 — True religion before God
February 27th: Psalm 1 — Delighting in God's law
February 28th: Reflection & Prayer — Obedience in daily life

Days 11–15: Faith Without Favouritism (James 2)

February 29th: James 2:1–4 — Warning against partiality
March 2nd: James 2:5–7 — God's heart for the humble
March 3rd: James 2:8–13 — Mercy triumphs over judgment
March 4th: James 2:14–17 — Faith shown by works
March 5th: James 2:18–26 — Living, active faith

Days 16–20: Taming the Tongue (James 3)

March 6th: James 3:1–5 — The power of words
March 7th: James 3:6–12 — Blessing and cursing
March 9th: James 3:13–16 — Earthly vs. godly wisdom
March 10th: James 3:17–18 — The fruit of godly wisdom
March 11th: Reflection & Prayer — Speaking life and truth

Days 21–25: Submitting to God (James 4)

March 12th: James 4:1–4 — The danger of worldliness
March 13th: James 4:5–7 — Humility and submission

March 14th: James 4:8–10 — Drawing near to God
March 16th: James 4:11–12 — Guarding our speech
March 17th: James 4:13–17 — Trusting God with the future

Days 26–30: A Faith That Acts (James 5)

March 18th: James 5:1–6 — Warning to the proud and rich
March 19th: James 5:7–11 — Patience in suffering
March 20th: James 5:12 — Integrity in speech
March 21st: James 5:13–16 — The power of prayer
March 23rd: James 5:17–20 — Restoring the wandering

Days 31–35: Revisiting James — Deeper Reflection

March 24th: James 1 — Trials and growth
March 25th: James 2 — Faith in action
March 26th: James 3 — Wisdom and words
March 27th: James 4 — Humility and surrender
March 28th: James 5 — Prayer and perseverance

Days 36–40: Preparing for Resurrection Living

March 30th: James 1:22 — A call to obedience
March 31st: James 2:17 — Living faith examined
April 1st: James 3:17 — Wisdom from above
April 2nd: James 4:10 — Humble yourselves before the Lord
April 3rd: James 5:16 — Confession, prayer, and healing