



**The way of **salvation** is  
ALWAYS by God's **grace**  
and offered through **faith** in  
person and work of  
Jesus Christ**

**Ephesians 2:8-10**



**Being transformed and conformed to the **image** of God requires believers to **put-off** sinful practices and **put-on** new Godly ones**



**I Corinthians 6:20**

**James 1:1**



**“Bond-Servant” = one who is subservient; entirely at the disposal of his master**



**In the Mosaic Law,  
it allowed for an  
indentured servant to  
voluntarily remain on as  
a bond-servant  
(Exodus 21:2 and 5-6)**



**Voluntarily entrusting  
every aspect of our lives  
into God's hands and once  
willingly surrendered this  
was permanent**





**James opens this letter to other believers by highlighting his position, which was their shared position, bond-servant**







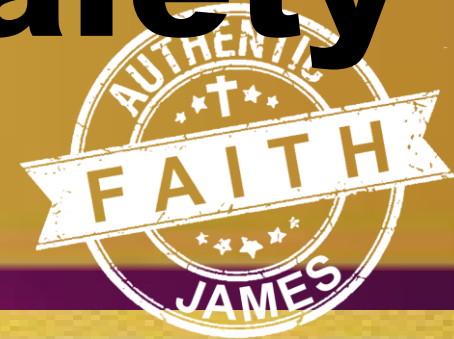
# UNDER PRESSURE

**James 1:1**

**Acts 8:1-3**



**This intense persecution,  
which threatened the  
believers in Jerusalem,  
caused them to flee and  
scatter for their own safety**



**“Dispersed Abroad” =  
carries the idea of seeds  
being scattered  
(like a farmer throwing  
seeds for planting)**



**God used this persecution  
to spread the seed of  
the gospel**

**Acts 1:8**



**God sometimes allows  
these pressures into our  
lives to expose  
unaddressed dormant  
heart level issues**



**How can I exalt God in this  
exhausting situation?**

**James 1:1**





**“Greetings” = salutations;  
be well; thrive;  
rejoice exceedingly**



**God wants us to focus  
on our Savior –  
trust Him and realize these  
trials AREN'T pointless –  
there's a purpose**

