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2017 MESSAGE SERIES

38 ESSENTIAL PASSAGES IN UNDERSTANDING GOD'S STORY, THEIR STORY, & YOUR STORY.

Great Value

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As Christians...

*How do we show others the
great value of Jesus to our lives?*



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James 1:1-18

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Jesus in a life like **difficulty**.*

Author: *James*

Recipients: *Persecuted Jewish
Christians.*

Purpose: *James is encouraging Christians to stay faithful to Jesus in the face of testing and trials.*

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Is life....

Easy

or

Hard

?

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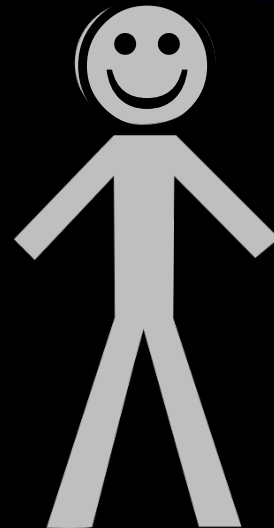
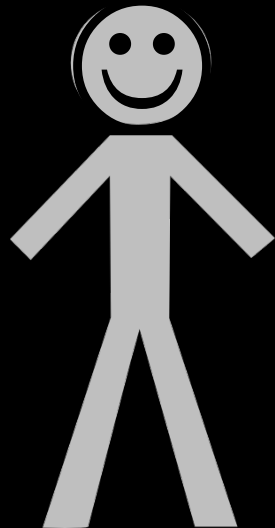
1. *God given **JOY** in the
face of pain.*

*“The Christian’s joy is essentially the
enjoyment of our God, and our relationship
with him.”*

Jerry Bridges

*“May the God of hope **fill you with all joy** and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope **by the** power of **the Holy Spirit.**”*

Romans 15:13





“The lessons I have learned about God have been so satisfying that I wouldn’t give back this wheel chair for anything!”

Joni Erickson Tada

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. *I have learned the secret of being **content** in any and **every situation**, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. **I can do all this through him who gives me strength.***

Phil 4: 12-13

2. *Maturity in the midst of struggle.*

“Christian maturity according to James is doing right as God defines right no matter what the cost and no matter how long.”

Jerry Bridges

*“Part of our struggle with God working spiritual maturity into our lives is that we often fail to **agree** with God how little we have of it (maturity) and how much we need it.”*

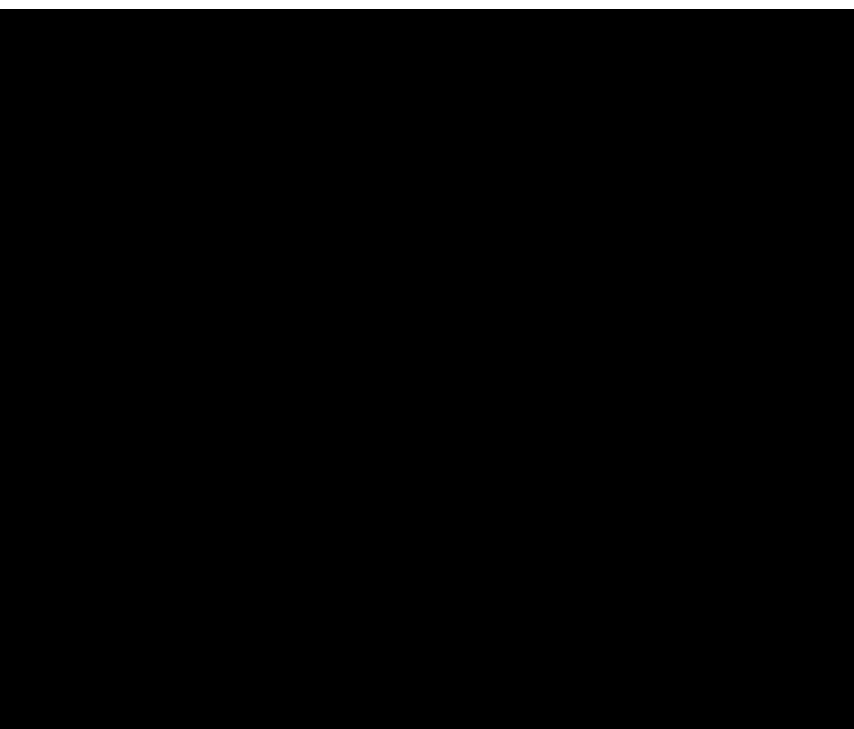
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“American Culture excels at many things one of which is the desire to rid or overt any kind of difficulty from our lives. We truly are a comfort rich culture.”

Joe Robinson

Perseverance =

Our deliberate choice to stay faithful to God's will in difficult situations knowing that God is working for our good and his glory.

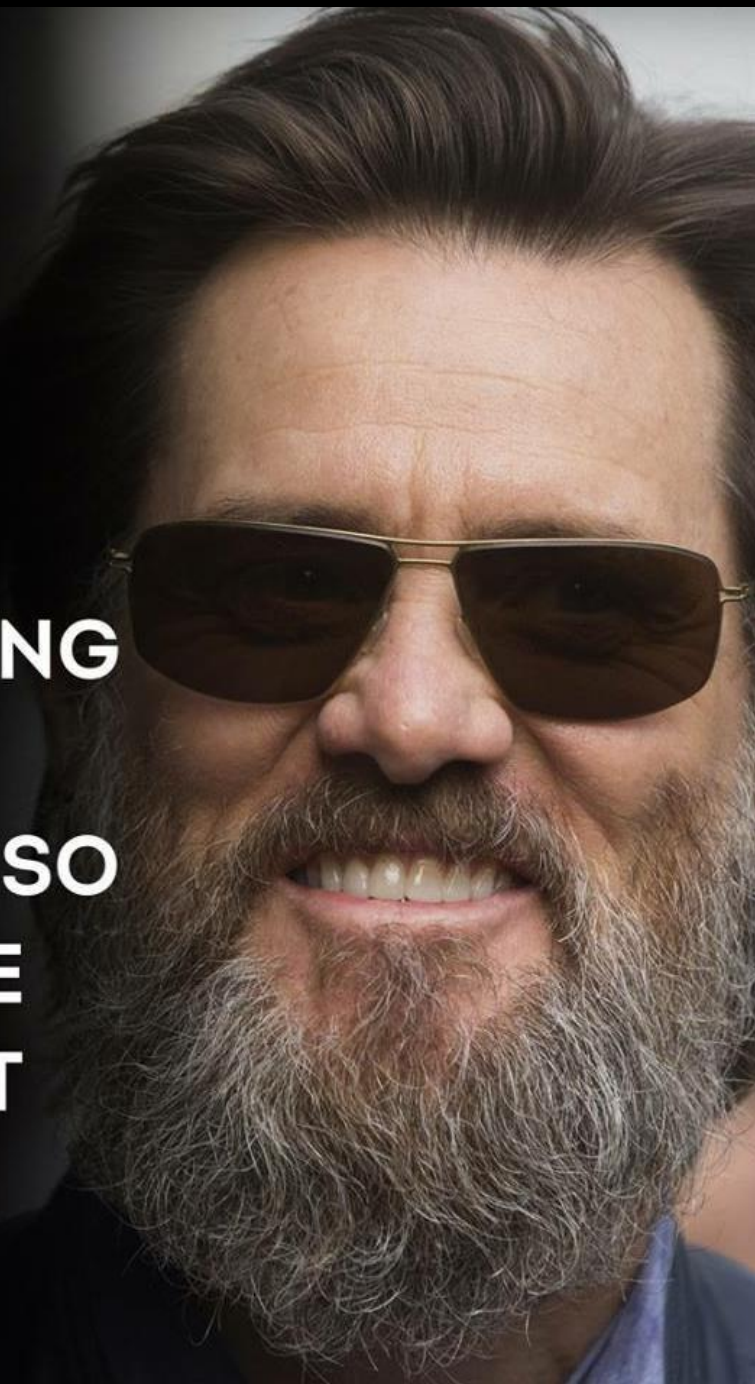


3. *Wisdom in the midst
of testing.*

*Wisdom is seeing life from God's
perspective.*

**I THINK
EVERYBODY
SHOULD GET
RICH AND
FAMOUS AND
DO EVERYTHING
THEY EVER
DREAMED OF SO
THEY CAN SEE
THAT IT'S NOT
THE ANSWER.**

- JIM CARREY



If God would concede
me His omnipotence
for 24 hours, you would
see how many changes
I would make in the
world. But if He gave
me His wisdom too, I
would leave things as
they are.

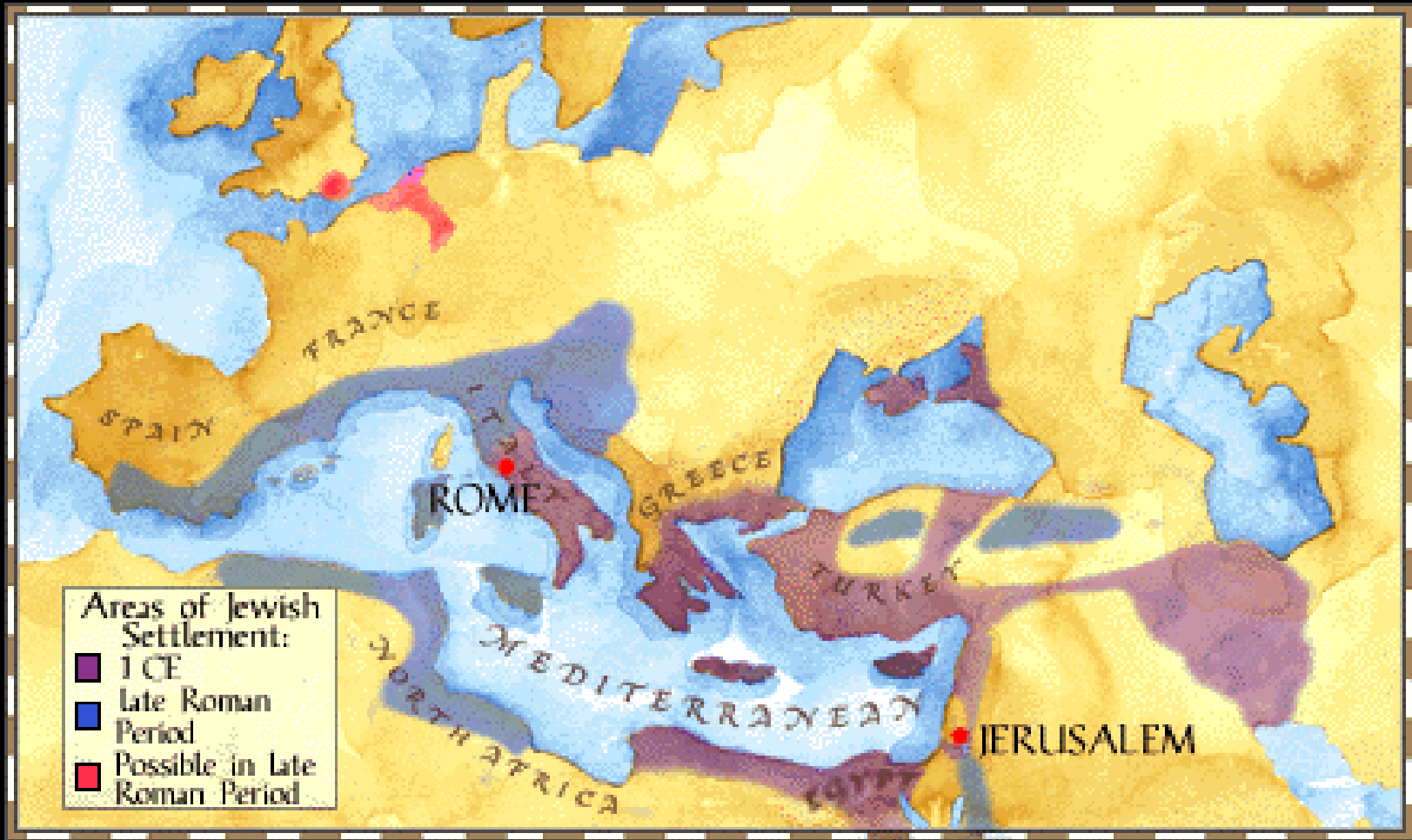
Jacques-Marie-Louis Monsabre



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4. *Blessing according to
God promises.*

“But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.”

Rev. 2:10

What next step can I take...

Mine it: the book of James.

Count it: all your reasons for joy.

