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UCW Service

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A Letter from James

Whenever people from the early church came together they would share food and remember stories about Jesus and what Jesus taught about living in God's way. They would talk together and listen to one another. There were many letters written to the people in these churches. They were written to encourage the first Christians as they followed in the way of Jesus. Some of the letters were saved and became part of our Bible. One of the letters kept was from a person called James. James was a leader of the church in Jerusalem and many think he was the brother of Jesus. James filled his letter with ideas and advice on how we should live as followers of Jesus.

Dear friends,

You may not have heard from me before but I, too, am a follower of Jesus. I have some important words for you.

Remember that God is always good; every act of kindness is inspired by God who created everything, including light. Live in God's light.

Be quick to listen and slow to speak. Be slow to get angry. When you do get angry, don't stay angry. Instead, quietly listen for the word of God, which has the power to change your lives.

Look for God's light in others, and become a mirror image of God's love for all.

*It is not enough to hear what God wants us to do. We must do it!
It is not enough to say what God wants us to do. We must do it!
We are blessings when we do.*

Care for those who are in need. This is what is faithful to God.

*Bye for now.
I am your brother in Christ,
James.*