

JAMES

LEARNING AND LIVING A FAITH THAT WORKS

Week 1

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I. Some big ideas in the book of James.

A. Not everyone who grows old grows up.

Heb. 5:12-14 NLT

12 You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. **13** For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. **14** Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.

B. God is about progression not perfection.

Hebrews 6:1 NLT

6 So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God.

C. Where there is faith there is movement forward.

Hebrews 6:3 NLT

3 And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding.



The main theme for our series is James 1:4b ESV.

That you may be perfect (mature) and complete, lacking in nothing.

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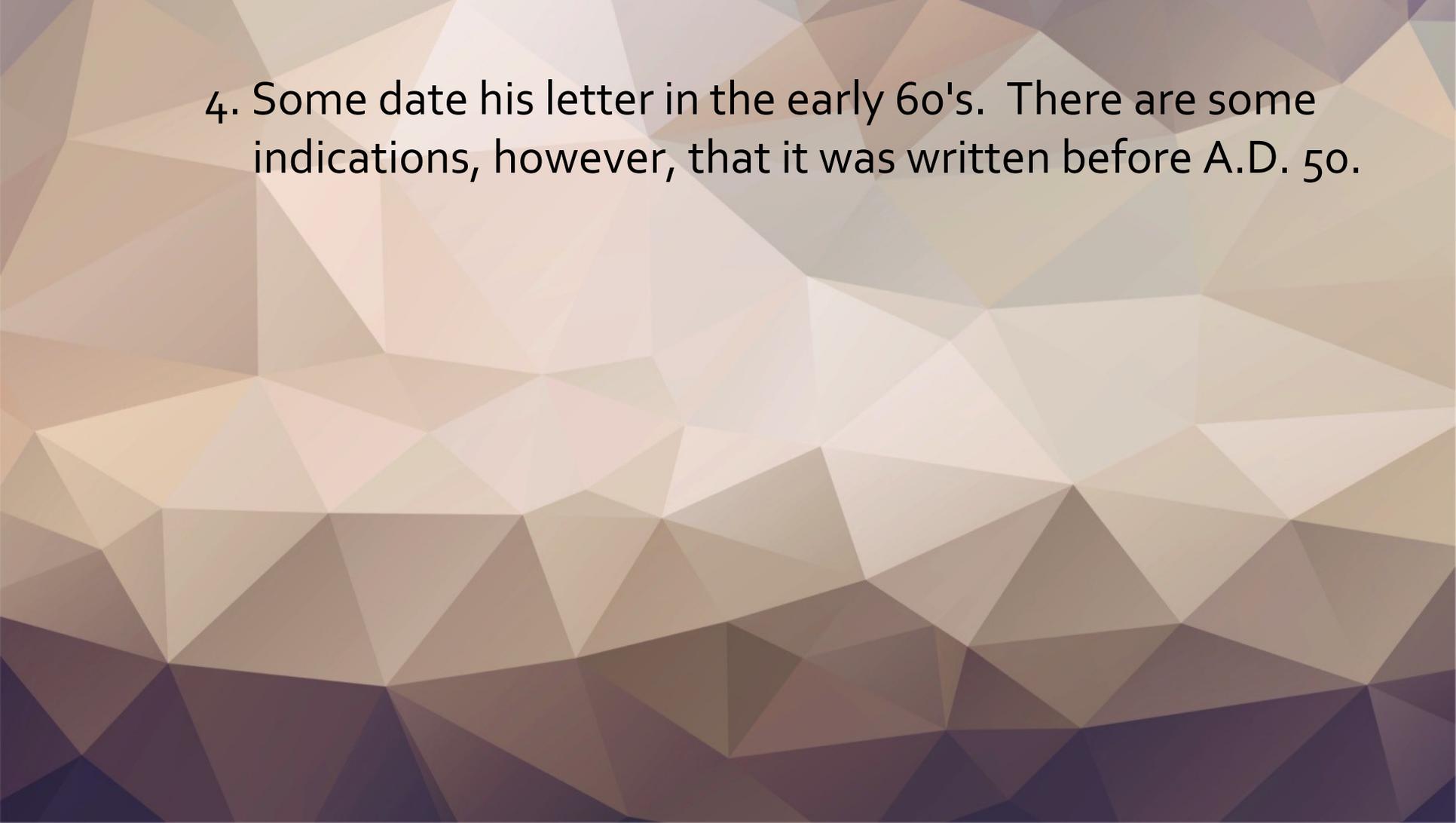
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6. James was martyred for his faith in A.D. 62.

B. Audience

James 1:1b ESV

To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion:

Acts 8:1b-4 NLT

A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria. ² (Some devout men came and buried Stephen with great mourning.) ³ But Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out both men and women to throw them into prison.

⁴ But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went.

C. Inspiration

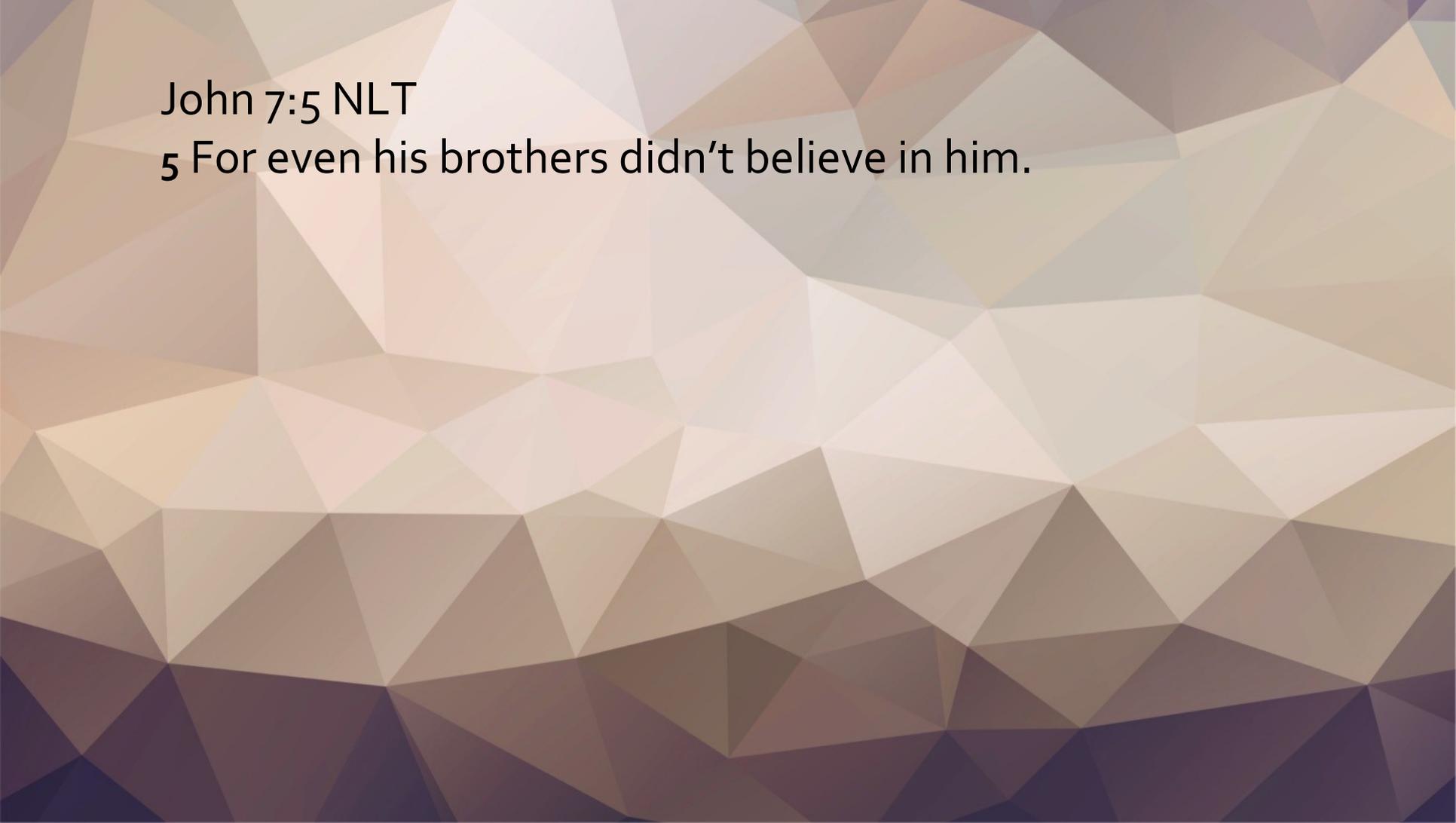
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This letter is from James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 3:20-21, 31-32 ESV

20 Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. **21** And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

31 And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. **32** And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.”



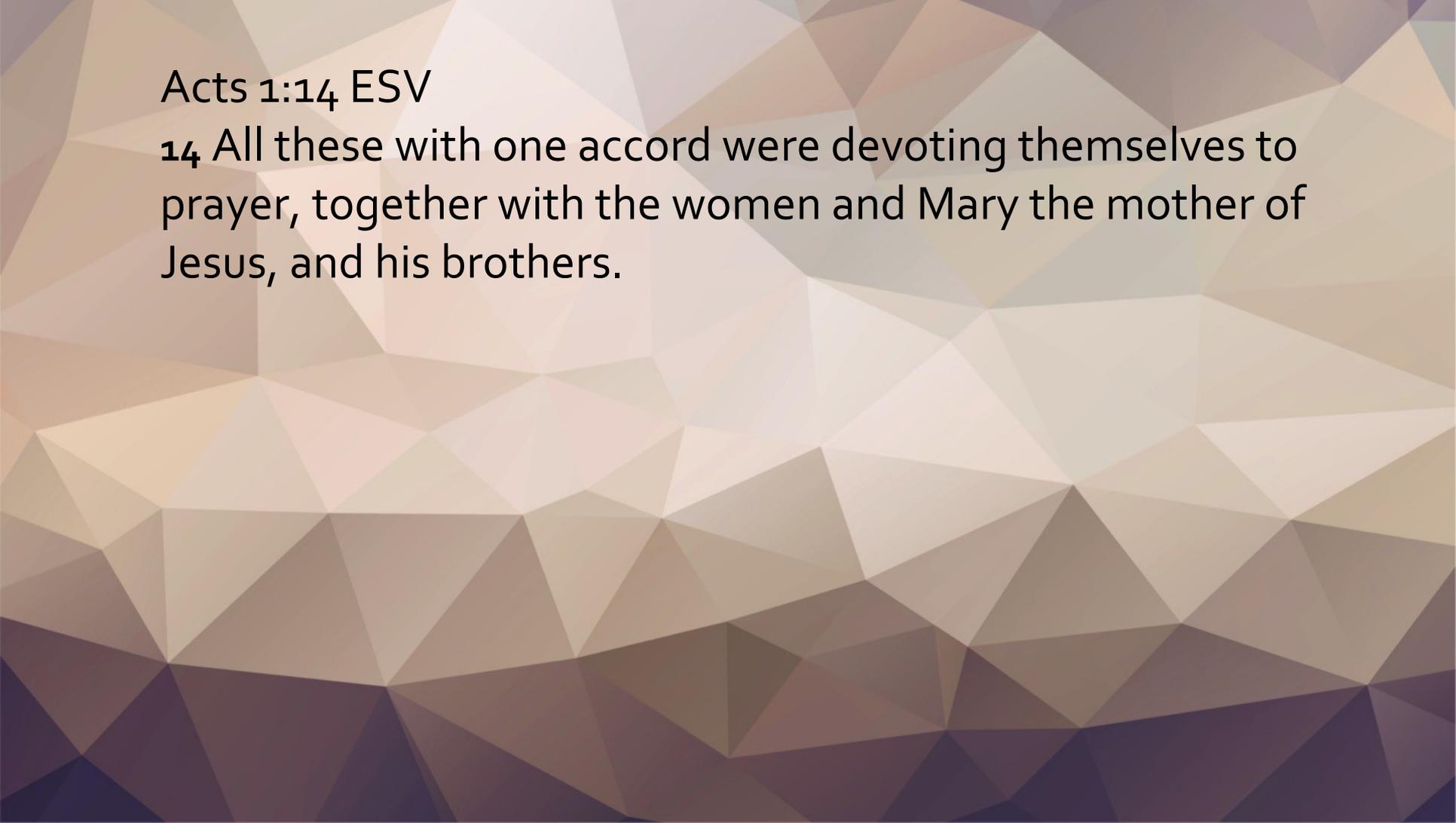
John 7:5 NLT

5 For even his brothers didn't believe in him.

1 Cor. 15:3-4, 6-7 ESV

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.



Acts 1:14 ESV

14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.