

The book cover features a textured, painterly background with dark, moody tones of brown, black, and grey, accented with streaks of orange and yellow. The title 'FAITH' is in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. The word 'IN' is in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, centered within a solid black circle. Below this, the word 'ACTION' is written in large, orange, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom, the author's name 'JAMES' is in white, sans-serif capital letters, preceded by a thin white horizontal line.

# FAITH IN ACTION

JAMES

James, a servant of God and of the Lord  
Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes scattered  
among the nations. GREETINGS. *(1:1)*

Coming to his hometown... They were amazed... “Where did this man get such wisdom and these miraculous powers? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas?  
*(Mt. 13:55-56)*

I saw none of the other apostles,  
except James, the Lord's brother.

*(Gal. 1:19)*

**? Why did James not highlight or leverage his famous connection to Jesus?**

# THE LETTER WAS NOT ABOUT HIMSELF

- On some occasions, **personal news** (even through positive) is inappropriate.

On being an intermediary... sometimes  
the only sure way not to interfere is  
to remove yourself.

THE URGE/NEED TO “WRITE” DID  
NOT EMERGE FROM THIS FAMILY  
“CONNECTION”

- earthly connections were neither  
qualifications nor inspirations  
for those who wrote the Bible



... For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (*11 Peter 1*)

THE FAMILY CONNECTION WAS  
INSIGNIFICANT COMPARED TO THE VITAL  
SPIRITUAL REALITY OF “SERVANT > LORD”

In itself, “sibling of Jesus” did not **trigger** repentance, faith, and rebirth. So in that sense, it was **irrelevant**.

People often assume they have friendship with God because of:

- **fascination** with **facts** (about Jesus)
- **friendship** with **followers** (of Jesus)

Only when (like James) **familiarity**  
becomes **faith** does God's forgiveness,  
salvation, and transformation really happen!