

## **“Living Radically In Our Real World”**

### **Radically True, Radically Healthy, Radically Loving**

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- I. Salutation (Jam 1.1)
- II. Prologue: Respond to trials biblically, i.e., properly (Jam 1.2–18)
- III. Theme: Handling trials God’s way (Jam 1.19-20)
- IV. Handling trials God’s way necessitates godly behavior (Jam 1.21 — 5.6)
- V. Epilogue: Humble, steadfast endurance, is the God-honoring path (Jam 5.7-20)
  - A. Humble, steadfast endurance, is rewarded by God (Jam 5.7-11)
  - B. Humble, steadfast endurance, is undergirded by truth, prayer, and love (Jam 5.12-20)

### **Radically True**

Is James forbidding an oath in court or allegiance to your nation? No, this isn’t what he’s addressing. Even Jesus was placed under an oath in a court scene and positively responded, Matt 26.63-64. Is James addressing cussing or foul language. No. James forbids “two-level speech.” Our yes is true. Our no is true. Such is our speech which honors God and is spoken in the presence of God.

### **Radically Healthy**

The NRSV and TNIV incorrectly render Jam 5.13 with a plural, e.g., “them pray,” “them sing.” The text is singular and the emphasis is upon individual responsibility to pray, praise, or call for the elders.

“anointing with oil” fails as a “sacramental action” (e.g., Roman Catholicism’s “sacrament of the sick” or *extreme unction*, which was developed in the Middle Ages) for if so, there are only two mentions of “anointing” and no substantive evidence to support a sacrament.

### **Radically Loving**