



## LISTENING GUIDE

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### **Identity Shift**

*James 1:1*

This morning, we begin a study through the Book of James in a sermon series called *Faith Under Pressure*. As we will see, this book calls Christians to align our behavior with our belief, even as we toil under the pressures of life. However, before we can effectively do this, we must experience an *identity shift*. Let's turn to Scripture, then, to trace the progression of James's own shift in identity.

Notice...

#### **I. James: A \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus**

- See *Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3; and Acts 15:13ff*

#### **II. James: A \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus**

- See *Mark 3:20-21; John 7:1-5*

#### **III. James: A \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus**

- This marks a significant identity shift for James!
- *Doulos* (Gk.) means “servant,” “bondservant,” or “slave”
- James's radical identity shift was caused by a personal encounter with the risen Jesus!

- From 1 Corinthians 15:3-7, notice two aspects of Jesus's saving work that confronted James:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus died and rose again

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus died and rose again