



## JAMES: INTENSELY PASSIONATE

### THE LIFE

#### 1. Background

- Brother of John – Matt 4:21; Mk 1:19-20
- Father's name was Zebedee who ran his own fishing business – Mk 1:19-20
- Mother's name was Salome and was among those who followed Jesus – compare Matt 27:56 & Mk 15:40
- Fisherman by trade – Matt 4:21; Mk 1:19-20; Lk 5:10
- Always mentioned with his brother John except on one occasion
- Always in top four of disciples list & in the "intimate 3"
- Nicknamed along with his brother John "Boanerges," Sons of Thunder – Mk 3:17

James, the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, "Sons of Thunder"); - Mark 3:17

#### 2. Characteristics Of His Life

- **Fervent** \_\_\_\_\_

When His disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" - Luke 9:54

##### Positives of Fervent Passion

- Not easily \_\_\_\_\_
- Ready to \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Able to \_\_\_\_\_ to their cause

##### Negatives of Fervent Passion

- Tendency toward being \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Lacks \_\_\_\_\_ (acts on \_\_\_\_\_ rather than reason)
- Tends to make \_\_\_\_\_ quickly

- **Overconfident** \_\_\_\_\_

James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You." And He said

to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant that we may sit, one on Your right and one on *Your* left, in Your glory." - Mark 10:35-41

## THE LESSONS

**1. Extreme Passion Can Lead To \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. Ambition without \_\_\_\_\_ leads to \_\_\_\_\_ promotion**

Hearing *this*, the ten began to feel indignant with James and John. <sup>42</sup> Calling them to Himself, Jesus said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> "But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." - Mark 10:41-45

## THE LEGACY

**Passionately \_\_\_\_\_ Until Death**

Now about that time Herod the king laid hands on some who belonged to the church in order to mistreat them. <sup>2</sup> And he had James the brother of John put to death with a sword. - Acts 12:1-2