James 1:2-21 — Our Response to Trials

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. 9 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, 10 and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass[c] he will pass away. 11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. 12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. 19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Quotes

"I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me, and 90% how I react to it. And so it it with you...we are in charge of our attitudes." -Charles Swindoll on Attitude

| Notes from the message: | | | |
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James 1:2-21 — Our Response to Trials

Scriptures that talk about Trials: John 15:18-25; 2 Cor 1:3-11; Phil 1:12-30; Rom 5:1-5; Psalm 119:49-56; Heb 12:3-11; Job 1:13-22; Joshua 1:1-11; Rom 8:28-30; Gen 45:3-11; 1 Peter 4:12-19 What stood out to you in this section of scripture? Why do you think God allows trials in your life? What have you learned about God, life, and yourself when going through personal trials in the past? What trials are you going through right now? What good gifts has God given you?

James 1:2-21 — Application

| How can you apply this section of scripture in your life? |
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| How can you respond to trials in your life with the right attitude? |
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| How can you trust God with the trials you are in right now? |
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| What are some sinful temptations that you are struggling with? |
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| What can you do to help yourself flee from those temptations you are struggling with? |
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James 1:2-21 — Prayer Requests

James 1:5-6

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Ask God for spiritual wisdom to deal with your trials

Ask God to give you a godly attitude when going through trials

Ask God what you can learn through a trial

Ask God to help you not become angry and bitter when dealing with difficult situations

Ask God to help you get rid of moral filth in your life

Ask God to give you a humble heart to accept His Word

Give thanks to God for every good and perfect gift He has given you

| Prayer Requests from your community group | | | | | |
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