

## Endurance for God



MEMORY VERSE: "Don't just listen to the Word, do what it says."  
James 1:22

### DAY 1 JAMES 1:1-4 — Faith and Endurance

1. How does James, the brother of Jesus, describe himself?  
Do you think of yourself as a slave/servant to Jesus? Explain.
2. What are you to do when you encounter troubles? What would make it possible for you to truly consider them this way?
3. What does James tell us the testing of our faith develops? vv. 3-4  
How would you explain what it means to do this through trials/troubles?
4. How do you think enduring/persevering through trials impacts your relationship with God?

### DAY 2 JAMES 1:5-8 — Faith and Wisdom

5. How can a person get wisdom? v. 5

6. When we ask for wisdom, who is our faith to be in? Why? vv. 5-8

7. What happens when we confidently pray and trust God with our daily doubts, troubles and confusion?

### **DAY 3** JAMES 1:9-18 — Faith and Obedience

8. Read verses 9-11. Rich or poor we will all have trials. Why do you think it is harder for people with money to put their ultimate identity in Christ and not in possessions?

9. Whom does God bless? What will they receive? v. 12

10. Read verses 13-15. Describe the downward spiral of temptation.

11. What do you learn from verses 16-18?

### **DAY 4** JAMES 1:19-27 — Listening and Doing

12. What commands do verses 19-20 give? Why are these commands so important?

13. What does James tell us that we are to do?  
v. 21

v. 22

v. 25

v. 26

v. 27

14. Read verses 23-24. How is the God's Word like a mirror?

## DAY 5 JAMES 1 — Wrap Up

15. What do our trials/troubles reveal about our faith?

16. What do the following expressions mean to you:  
Be slow to get angry

Keep yourself free from evil influence

Control your tongue

Have compassion for people in need

### TAKE AWAY

As hard as it may be, strive to thank God for the trials He brings into your life. Right now, what is really stressing you out? Find three things about it that can bring you joy.

### BLESSING

If you lack confidence in the Lord, ask Him to renew your faith in His sovereign provision. God is near and wants to help!

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When problems come or the unexpected happens, the true nature of our hearts is exposed - whether we struggle with pride, envy, gossip, or maybe even a lack of faith. Through trials and troubles we once again recognize how much we need Jesus.

As we allow God's presence and His Word to shape and mold us, we'll find that we emerge from our troubles stronger and more confident in His goodness than we ever thought possible.

That's why James 1:2-3 says, "...consider it an opportunity for great joy... for you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow."

As dark and scary as it might feel during a time of trial, testing, and transformation, it's also an opportunity to discover our strengths and gifts, and to endure.

What trials are you experiencing right now?  
What is Jesus teaching you?  
Pray that this season will bring you closer to Jesus.

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