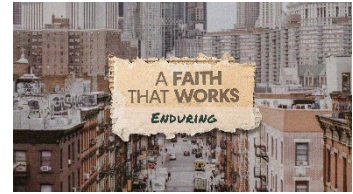


James: A Faith that Works

Enduring

James 1:12-18

Pastor Chris Lenhart - 9/8/24



Opening Thought Question:

How should followers of Jesus stand under the trials and tests of life?

Week One Review:

Faithful disciples, while under trial, will exude joy when they stand,
-----/ -----, and -----.

Remember the Blessing & Reward (12)

Blessed is the one who remains ----- under trials.

Reward for faithfulness under trial:

Remain Alert to and Aware of Temptation’s Treachery (13-16)

Ways we are tempted when under trial:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Temptation’s Treacherous Pathway...



Hold Fast to the Father’s Nature and Truth (17-18)

1. Focus on the promised ----- and future -----.
2. Remain alert to and aware of the presence and power of -----.
3. Hold fast to the generous, good, and perfect ----- from God.
4. Draw confidence from his ----- nature finding hope and motivation to continue in his life-giving -----.

Next Week: James - A Faith that Works: Alive (1:19-27)

Further Study

Matt. 5-7
Proverbs
Psalms
Acts 12 & 15
Gal. 1-2

Heb. 10:23
1 Tim. 6:12

Ex. 32
Num. 20:10-13
Dt. 3:23-28
Matt. 4:1-11
1 Cor. 10:13

Ps. 77; 103; 127
2 Cor. 12:9-10

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<p style="text-align: center;">James: A Faith that Works</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Enduring</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">James 1:12-18</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – James 1:12-18</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the blessing and reward promised for those who endure under trials? (vs. 12) 2. How do we experience temptation when under trials? Which temptations are most difficult to resist when we are facing adversity or difficult seasons of life? (vs. 13) 3. Discuss or journal about the pattern of temptation in verses 14-16. Write down the pattern that leads to death. What is James concerned about for believers under trial? (vs. 16) Have you known of brothers or sisters in Christ who have been led astray while standing under trials? Have you personally wrestled with this? 4. One remedy James offers for those who are facing temptations while under trials, is to focus on certain qualities and attributes of God’s character. (vs. 17-18) Read these verses and discuss or journal about the qualities of God’s character that can help sustain disciples of Jesus through trials. 5. Share personal testimony or journal about what has been most helpful to you, in steadfastly enduring through the trials you have experienced in life. <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Further Study</u></p> <p>Matt. 5-7 Proverbs Psalms Acts 12 & 15 Gal. 1-2 Heb. 10:23 1 Tim. 6:12 Ex. 32 Num. 20:10-13 Dt. 3:23-28 Matt. 4:1-11 1 Cor. 10:13 Ps. 77; 103; 127 2 Cor. 12:9-10</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Family</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Community</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Career/Friends</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Other</p>