Series: "TALK IS CHEAP"
Part 1: "LEANING INTO LIFECHANGE"
Crossroads Community Church
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Three Warnings about the Book of James

1. **This is not about _____ a real Christian, this is about how real Christians _____**

   This letter is from James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.
   I am writing to the "twelve tribes"—Jewish believers scattered abroad.
   Greetings!

   James 1:1 (NLT)

2. **The only way you can live this out is by the _____ of the _____ _____**

3. **This kind of life change is ____ _____**

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1:2-4 (NIV)

How to Cooperate with God's Transforming Work

1. **_____ a _____ perspective on trials**

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. 6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

James 1:5-8 (NIV)

2. **_____ your _____ on God's wisdom**

9 Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. 10 But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. 11 For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.

James 1:9-11 (NIV)

16 "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Matthew 20:16 (NIV)

3. **Keep your _____ on _____**

Additional Resources:

Albert Tate, *Disobedient God: Trusting a God Who Goes Off-Script*

Sermon Notes:

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