

FAITH IN PRACTICE

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THE BOOK OF JAMES

GRACE STUDENT MINISTRIES | SUNDAYS @ 9:00AM

#2 – From Trials to Triumphs (Part 2)

*God doesn't love me
You can't force me to believe
God is good
This is the One Truth in life
This world is a product of chance
How can I believe that
God will use my life
I know with certainty that
God has left me
Never again will I say that
Christ is risen from the dead
I know now more than ever in my life that
Man can save himself
We must realize that it is ignorant to think
God answers prayers*

*Christians declare that
Without God this world would fall into
darkness
This world can and will meet my needs
It is a lie to say that
God has always been there for me
I now realize that
No matter what I do
The Truth is
He doesn't love me
How can I presume that
God is good*

Main Idea: My Trials can
Become Triumphs

Review from James 1:1-4

3 keys for turning our trials into triumphs

1. Choose Joy (v. 2)
2. Know Why (v. 3)
3. Surrender All (v. 4)

#1. My Trials can Become Triumphs when I *Seek God's Wisdom*

V. 5 → If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

#2. My Trials can Become Triumphs when I *Ask with Confidence*

V. 6-8 → 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. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

4 consequences of doubting

1. We're like waves tossed by the wind
2. We won't receive wisdom from God
3. We are double-minded
4. We're unstable in all our ways

#3. My Trials can Become Triumphs when I *Adjust My Perspective*

V. 9-11 → Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, 10 and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass[fn] 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.

2 categories:

1. The *lowly*

2. The *rich*

#4. My Trials can Become Triumphs when I *Remember God's Blessing*

V. 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.