# **ASKING FOR A FRIEND**

#### HOW DO I HANDLE A PRODIGAL CHILD?

JAMES 1:2-4

#### IN OUR HEARTS

We want the best for those we love, especially our children.

#### SO MUCH PAIN

One of the most <u>painful</u> things in life is to watch our children make poor decisions.

#### **FOR A FRIEND**

What do I do when my child has walked away from walking with God?

#### THE CRUCIBLE

We can make ungodly <u>decisions</u> connected to a godly <u>desire</u>.

#### **USE IT**

The pain has a purpose.

• The purpose of the pain is to <u>develop</u> your faith, not <u>destroy</u> it.

## YOUR RESPONSE IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Your response to the struggle is revealing the maturity of your sanctification.

### A SANCTIFIED RESPONSE

- 1. Define reality accurately.
- 2. Maintain good theology.
- 3. Serve those present.
- 4. Resist the urge to "fix it."
- 5. Celebrate forward steps.

## **GROW UP IN YOUR FAITH**

Control what you can. Pray for what you can't.