

How To Face Trials with Wisdom

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Bible Passage: James 1:5–8

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ 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. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Big Idea: In the storm of trials _____ God for _____, remembering He is highly committed to guiding you through hard things.

#1-My _____ is this, _____ wisdom to navigate trials (5a)

- _____ your need for wisdom
- _____ the gift of wisdom
 - Wisdom is much more than _____. It's **not less but it is** _____.
 - **Wisdom is not just the "way of _____" it is the "way of _____"**
 - James 3:17
 - Wisdom then is **a way of seeing** a situation and it is **a way of living** in a that situation brings about **peace and human flourishing**.
- First step in getting wisdom: _____ **THAT YOU NEED IT.**

#2- My _____ in trials stem from God's _____ to give me wisdom (5b-6)

- What is our hope?
- How does God give wisdom?
 - **Generously** - God is not **tight fisted** but _____ **handed** (Matthew 7:7-11)
 - **to all** - God intends this wisdom to be enjoyed by _____ his children
 - **without reproach** - gives "without finding _____"

#3-My challenge in gaining wisdom is with _____ not _____ (6b-8)

- My _____ will sabotage my quest for promised wisdom
- Understanding the _____

TRUTH INTO ACTION

- Count it all joy when you find yourself in the middle of a trial—**KNOW THAT GOD IS UP TO SOMETHING GOOD.**
- To navigate life-trials well – **ASK GOD FOR WISDOM.**
- When you ask for wisdom – **BELIEVE GOD TO GUIDE YOUR HEAD, HEART & FEET.**

Fighter Memory Verse

SEPTEMBER

Psalms 19:7–8

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

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Pray first



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

This lesson is a follow up to the sermon. Please take the time this week to work through it in your community group or around your own kitchen table.

Warm Up: What trials are you currently undergoing? What's your mindset and your typical way of handling them?

1. What does James say about the way God gives wisdom? [James 1:5]
2. What condition does James place on asking for wisdom? [James 1:5]
3. How does James describe a person who doubts? [James 1:6]
4. What does James mean by being "double-minded"?
5. Read Proverbs 2:1-15. How is biblical wisdom different from simply having knowledge or intelligence?
6. What is one area in which you will intentionally ask God for wisdom this week?
7. Have you ever been, or are you in danger of being right now, a "double-minded" person? How did it feel to do the spiritual splits?

Prayer: Father, having one foot on the dock of your wisdom in the other in the boat of worldly wisdom will place me in a dangerous spot. PLEASE protect me from being double minded in my life. I love you Jesus, amen!

RESOURCES:

James for You by Sam Allberry

Christ-Centered Exposition in James by D. Platt, D. Akin, T. Merida