

BOOK OF
JAMES
→ WHEN WE DON'T QUIT
WE WIN!

May 16th, 2021— "Trials and Temptations"

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, AND SERVE THE WORLD

James 1:1-17—When we don't quit, we win!

TRIALS (happen to us)

✦ Trials come in three forms.

Trials that come from our own decisions.

Trials that come from decisions of others.

Trials that come because we live in this world.

1. God wants to use trials to mature us.

A. Get God's perspective. **(verses 2-3)**

B. Trust God's process. **(verse 4)**

2. We can use trials to draw closer to God.

God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks to us in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: It is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world. ~C.S. Lewis

A. Ask God for help. **(verse 5)**

Question: "Do we leave way too much on God's table of blessing, and never receive it?"

✦ God's wisdom may never change our trials but will certainly help us navigate them.

B. Stand firm in faith. (verses 6-8)

1 Peter 1:7

TEMPTATIONS (happen within us)

1. Satan wants to use temptations to destroy us. **(verses 12-15)**

The process that temptation takes us through:

1. Deception , 2. Desire, 4. Disobedience, 4. Death.

✦ Just because we have a desire to do something, does not make it righteous.

"Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay." ~Ravi Zacharias

1 Peter 5:8, Ephesians 6:10-18, 1 Corinthians 10:13

✦ **Things that will help us in Temptation:**

Avoid the situation.

Counter with the Word of God.

Develop Healthy Friendships.

Commit to prayer.