



DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING

finding clarity in the chaos



NOTES

for today's message

1. God is sovereign over our trials.
 - Everything is Under His authority
 2. God uses our trials to:
 - Grow us
 - Shape us
 - Make us more into the image of the Son.
- Don't waste your trials
 - But have you ever gone through a difficult time or stressful season and come out the other side farther away from God than you went in?

JAMES 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

James is going to teach us a little about God:

- God cannot be tempted
- He doesn't tempt others
- Sin doesn't stick to Him

JAMES 1:14-15 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

- James places the blame on our running to sin during a difficult time on us
- Blaming the enemy for our problems creates a victim mentality for believers.

JAMES 1:16-18 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to

change. 18 Of his own will, he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

- In the middle of chaos we get confused and we can't see clearly; we start to think that God is not FOR us. This is why James says every good thing you have ever gotten came from Him.

THINGS GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU:

- Sent Jesus - God stepped in and rescued you
- Adopted you into His family
- Promises an eternity that doesn't even compare to our suffering
- Because of the Gospel, your soul can be well even when your life isn't.
- The Gospel reminds us that even in the chaos, our soul is secure.

*When peace like a river attendeth my way
when sorrows like sea billows roll
what ever my lot Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul. (It Is Well With My Soul)*

- In the middle of pain, God is not testing us or tempting us, He is promises to give us the strength to endure. And one of the ways we can endure is by remembering what a good God He is.