

Lifehouse Church

Maximize Christ Potential in You



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**James 1:1 - James, a servant of God and
of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve
tribes in the **Dispersion...****

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James 1:2-4 - 2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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MINDSET SHIFT

Pressure is not proof God left you...

Pressure may actually be proof

God is forming you.

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James 1:3 - for you know that the **testing** of
your faith produces steadfastness

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**Job 23:10 - “when he has tried me, I shall
come out as gold.”**

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BIG IDEA

Pressure does not create your character...
Pressure reveals your construction.

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Application Question

What pressure in your life right now may actually be revealing where God wants to strengthen you?"

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Action Step

This week, every time pressure hits...
pause before reacting ask:

God, what are You trying to build
in me through this?

Stop praying only for escape.
Start praying for endurance.

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James 1:22–24 (ESV) - 22 But **be doers** of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and **not a doer**, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once **forgets** what he was like.

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**James 1:8 - he is a double-minded man,
unstable in all his ways.**

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BIG IDEA

**The world says:
'Information is enough.'**

**The Kingdom says:
'Transformation is the goal.'**

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Application Questions

1. Where have you been hearing God's truth but delaying obedience?
2. What area of your life has become spiritually passive?

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Action Step

This week identify ONE thing God has been speaking to you about...

Then actually GO and do it.”

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James 1:25 - But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets **but a doer who acts, he will be **blessed** in his doing**

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Hebrews 5:14 - But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by **constant practice** to distinguish good from evil.

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Application Questions

1. If somebody watched your life this past week - would they see evidence of growing faith?
2. Where is God calling you to grow deeper instead of staying comfortable?

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Action Step

**Before next Sunday...
take one concrete step toward spiritual growth.**

- Sign up for Growth Trac
- Join a serve team
- Start a daily prayer time
- Lead your family spiritually
- Invite someone to church
- Read the Book of James every day this week.”

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