

Text: James 1:1-3

Topic: Trials

Series: James

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Title: Lead Your Mind: Trials

Introduction

I. Ready, Set, \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1)

II. You Must \_\_\_\_\_ Your Thinking (v.2)

III. You \_\_\_\_\_ God is Up to Something \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3)

Conclusion

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

These questions are provided for further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers will help drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

1. Why is it essential for you to understand a bit of the background of various books in the Bible? How do you relate to the original audience of James's book? How does that affect your eagerness to listen?
2. Are you going through any trials at the present? If not, think about the last trial you walked through. What is or was your view of the trial? What things are or did you tell yourself?
3. James's first instruction is to consider it pure joy whenever you encounter or fall into various trials. Consider is to lead your mind. What is the difference between being feelings lead vs. scripture lead? Turn to 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 What does Paul teach you about your thought life? What must be done when thinking wrongly?
4. What do you know in James 1:3 that you must lead your mind to think about? Where is God in my trial? What is God doing in my trial? Is God for me or against me? How does rehearsing who God is and what He is doing lead your mind to consider it pure joy when you encounter various trials?

### Recommended Resources

Adams, Jay E. *A Thirst for Wholeness: How to Gain Wisdom from the Book of James*. Woodruff, SC: Timeless Texts, 1988.

\*\*Vroegop, Mark. *Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy: Discovering the Grace of Lament*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2019.\*\*

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