



JAMES 1:2-5

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

1. *What is the trial you are facing right now?*
2. *How does the testing of our faith produce steadfastness or endurance?*

JAMES 1:12-15

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. 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. 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.

3. *Trials are opportunities to grow in faith, but they can also tempt us to sin. In what ways is your trial a temptation to blame God?*
4. *What specific sins might you be tempted to justify in the midst of your trial? Are believers today deprived by not being able to physically see Jesus?*

JAMES 1:16-18

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 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. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

5. *Review all of the verses and recall all the ways God is described in these verses.*

6. *How can trials rightly received help us find greater satisfaction in God?*