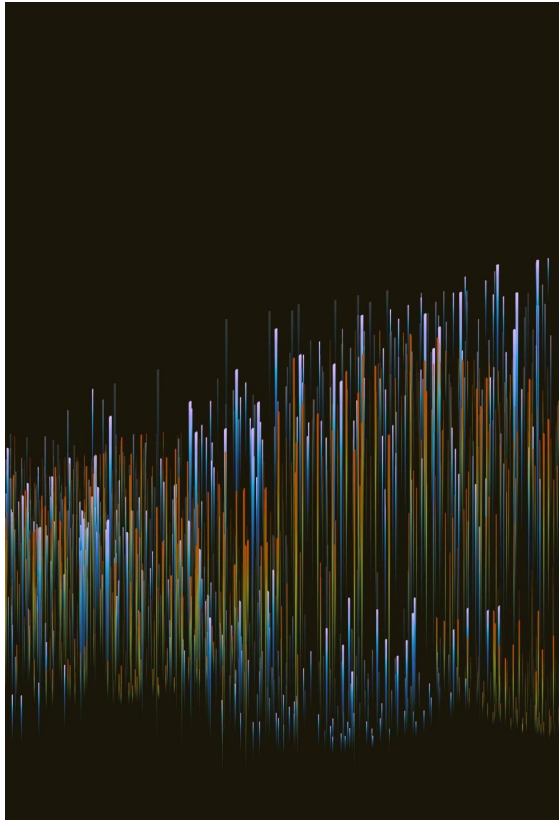


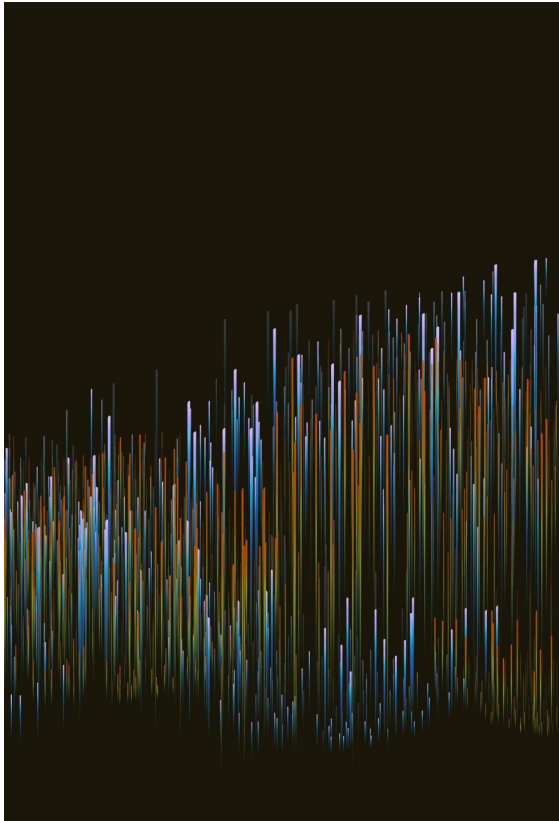
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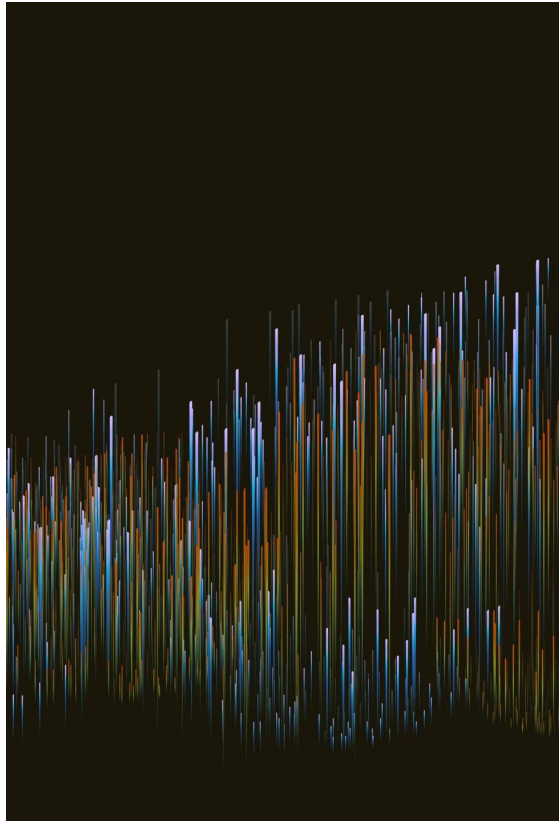
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James 1

- 12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.
- 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.
- 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

Scripture Text



James 1

- 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.
- 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.
- 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.
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Part 3

James 1:13-18

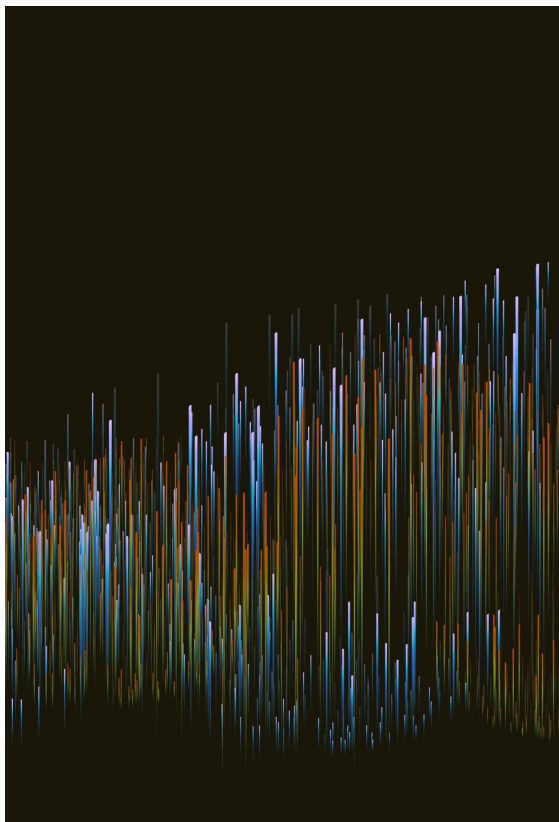
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Main Take-away Thought

**Don't let trials become
temptations to sin.**

1. Reject the urge to cast blame in Trial



James 1:12

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.



Genesis 3:9-13

9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

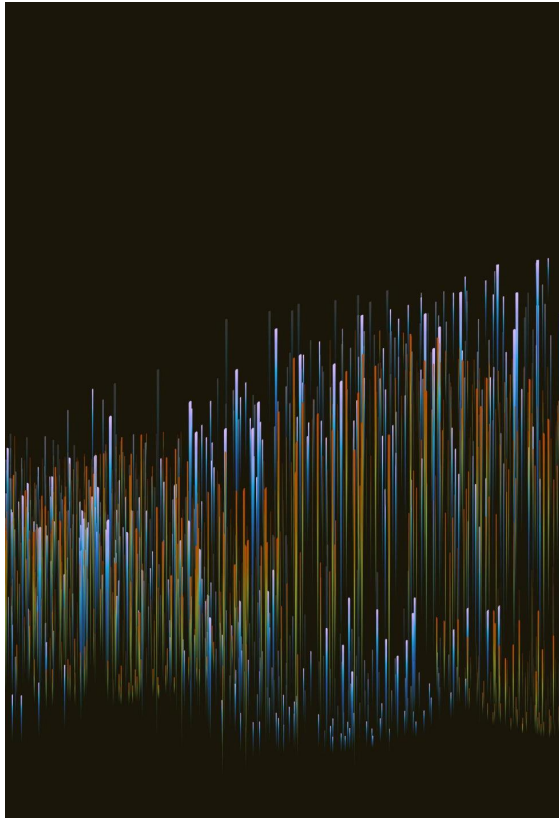
10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

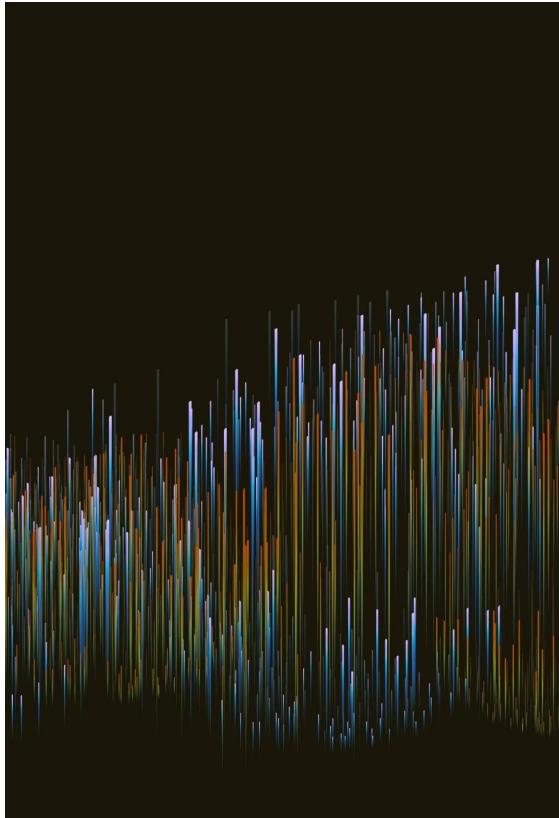
2. Know Tests become Temptations from within you



James 1:14

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3. Know and resist the Process of Temptation

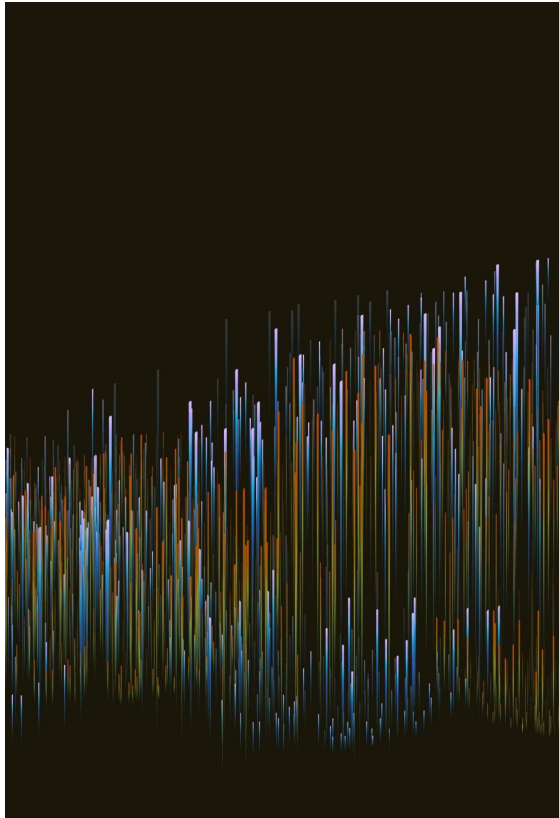


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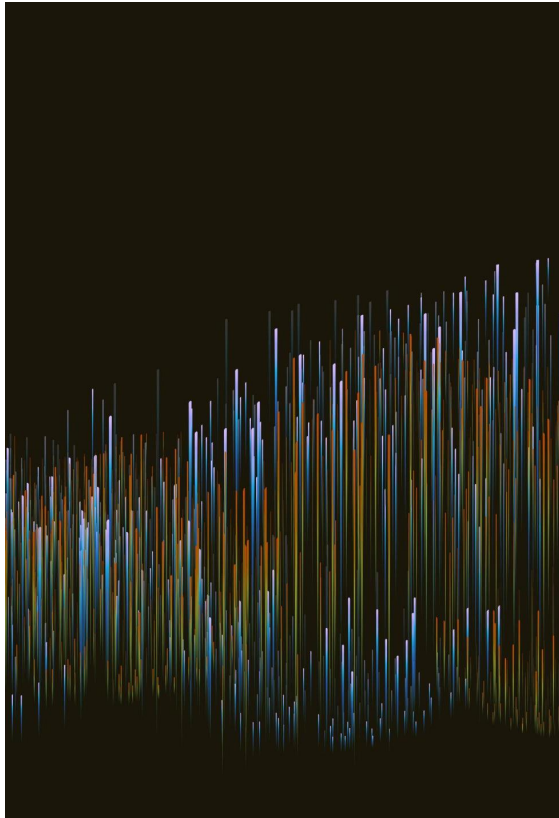
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3. Know and resist the Process of Temptation



1. Desire feeling.
2. Deception... mind, justify,
3. Design..... conceived, plan
4. Disobedience... the act... behavior

4. Know everything is from God's hand, and it is good and it's perfect



James 1

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Challenge

**Is your present trial a test
unto godliness or a
temptation to distrust
Father God?**