

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

happenings

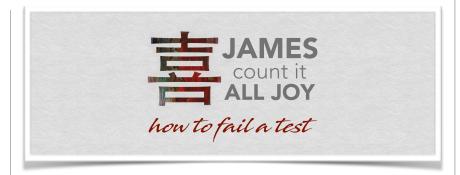
Business Meeting: Following the service on **this Sunday**, we will have our quarterly business meeting. If you are a voting member, please join us for this brief meeting.

Birthday Celebration: Grace turns thirty years old this month! Please join us after the Business Meeting **this Sunday** to celebrate three decades of Grace.

LIVE streaming; Our live streaming option, available on our website, will still be available for those who prefer to stay home.

Grace Kids: Auntie Michelle will be continuing lessons on the fruit of the Spirit this week at: https://gracekona.org/fruitofthespirit.

Prayer Requests: Please don't hesitate to send us any updates or prayer requests to: pray@gracekona.org. If you'd like to be a part of our Grace Kona prayer team, please email the office.



SERMON NOTES

Andrew Severinsen – James 1:12-27

Big Idea: James warns us to not let our trials become temptations. If they do, we have no one to blame but ourselves.

When trails become temptations...

- •Discerning what comes from within:
- Discerning what comes from above:
- Faith must be proven by testing...
- Proven faith must be cultivated...

GRACE GROUP discussion questions

Spend some time catching up and talking story. Spend some time in the text - Read James 1.

James 1:12-18 — What is James' encouragement to us?

- 1. Who is blessed in these verses? Why?
- 2. Compare and contrast what James says about the natural progression of perseverance in trials to that of giving in to evil desires.
- 3. How do these verses and ideas link to what James already wrote about joy in trials and the brevity of life? What point is he trying to make?
- 4. What trials/temptations would the original audience of this letter have faced?
- 5. Why does James say to not be deceived?
- 6. How does the unchanging character of God (the Father of lights) connect with the idea that He is the Giver of all good gifts?

James 1:12-18 — How does it apply to our lives today?

- 1. When have you persevered in a trial? What was it like? What was the outcome?
- 2. What temptations have you faced? Where do they originate from? How can you stand up against them?
- 3. How do you know when you have passed a test or reached the end of a trial?
- 4. Who do you know who is steadfast in the face of trials? What can you learn from them?
- 5. How do you know when you're being deceived? What can you do to receive good from God instead?
- 6. When has a difficult time in your life turned out to be a good gift?

Spend some time sharing and praying together.