



THIS WEEK

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.