

# **THANKING THROUGH IT**

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## Week 1: Thanking Through Troubles

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### **4 FACTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT TROUBLES**

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#### **3. TROUBLES ARE \_\_\_\_\_**

When ... troubles CROWD INTO your lives... AS INTRUDERS...  
James 1:2b (Ph)

#### **4. TROUBLES ARE \_\_\_\_\_**

Realize that they come... TO PRODUCE in you... James 1:2c (Ph)

### **3 PURPOSES OF TROUBLES**

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### **HOW SHOULD I RESPOND TO TROUBLES?**

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#### **2. REQUEST: ASK GOD FOR \_\_\_\_\_**

If, in the process, any of you doesn't know how to meet any particular problem, YOU ONLY HAVE TO ASK GOD -- who gives generously to all men without making them feel guilty -- and you may be sure that THE NECESSARY WISDOM WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU.

James 1:7 (Ph)

#### **3. \_\_\_\_\_ GOD!**

But you must ask in SINCERE FAITH, without SECRET DOUBTS.  
James 1:8 (Ph)

#### **4. REMEMBER GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_**

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#### **2. TROUBLES ARE VARIABLE!**

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#### **3. TROUBLES ARE UNPREDICTABLE!**

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# THANKING THINKING THROUGH IT

## THANKING THROUGH TROUBLES Talk-it-Over Notes | October 29, 2023

### REVIEW IT

Did you know that God has a purpose for your problems? In fact, the first chapter of the book of James is all about how your faith can get you through your troubles. This weekend we studied four facts to remember about troubles, three purposes of troubles, as well as four healthy ways to respond to them.

Four facts to remember about troubles: Troubles are inevitable, variable, unpredictable and purposeful.

Three purposes of trouble: Troubles test my faith, develop endurance and mature my character.

How should I respond to troubles?

1. Rejoice in the trouble
2. Request: Ask God for wisdom
3. Rely on God
4. Remember God's promise!

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**Spend some time in the word: Read James chapter 1**

### TALK ABOUT IT

1. James makes several points in the matter of a few verses. What stood out to you in this sermon on those verses?
2. Who is someone you've noticed has a good perspective in the midst of trouble? Which one of these points on what to remember, the purpose or how to respond to you see them model in their difficulties?
3. What troubles or challenges from your life were on your mind during this message?

### ACT ON IT

Your success in handling problems is determined by your understanding and attitude toward them! In your quiet time this week, talk with God about the problems you are facing. Ask him what type of attitude He wants you to have towards them.

### PRAY ABOUT IT

Ask how you can pray for a support one another this week and then close in prayer.