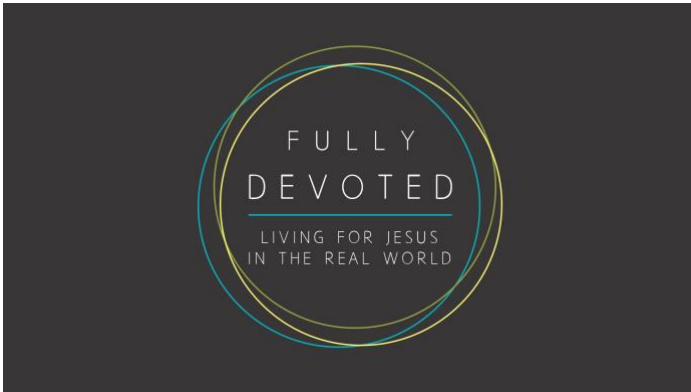


TAKE HOME SHEET



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Take some time to read the passage we focused on today. Underline the words and phrases that stand out to you as you read.

² Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.

³ For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. ⁴ So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. ⁵ If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. ⁶ But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

⁹ Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them. ¹⁰ And those who are rich should boast that God has humbled them. They will fade away like a little flower in the field. ¹¹ The hot sun rises and the grass withers; the little flower droops and falls, and its beauty fades away. In the same way, the rich will fade away with all of their achievements.

¹² God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation.

James 1:2-12 (NLT)

What is something you are currently facing that is a trial or test?

How do you think God may want to use this in your life? (Look up the passages referenced in the notes) **If you are having trouble answering, ask a fellow believer to help you think it through.**

Now work through the five stages we looked at in how to face trials.

Discuss what you are experiencing with a friend and ask them to pray for you. Also, ask how you can pray for them!

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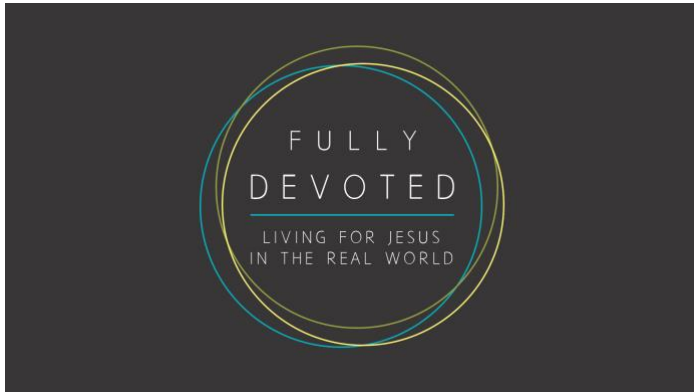
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MESSAGE NOTES



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Four Benefits of Trials and Tests

1. To **reveal** the condition of my faith.
2. To **refine** my faith. (Job 42:5-6; Psalm 66:10)
3. To **develop** my faith. (2 Corinthians 12:10)
4. To **display** my faith and bring God honor. (2 Corinthians 1:3-6)

How to Face Trials

1. Welcome them!

...consider it an opportunity for great joy.
James 1:2 (NLT)

2. Focus on God.

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.
James 4:8 (NASB)

3. Ask Him for help.

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you.
James 1:5 (NLT)

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.
Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

4. Hang in there.

...don't try to squirm out of your problems.
James 1:4 (TLB)

Don't panic. I'm with you. There's no need to fear for I'm your God. I'll give you strength. I'll help you. I'll hold you steady, keep a firm grip on you.
Isaiah 41:10 (MSG)

5. Get ready to grow!

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James 1:3-4 (NLT)