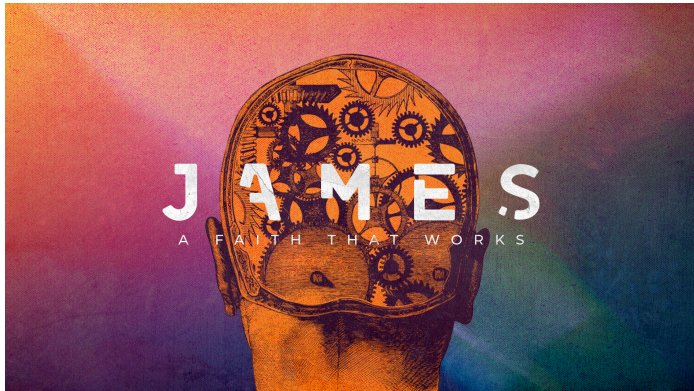


TAKE HOME SHEET



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How has the current coronavirus crisis impacted your life? Be as specific and honest as you can be.

Have you seen anyone around you demonstrate humble and courageous faith in God? How is their attitude different than others?

What do you think has helped them gain and maintain a healthy perspective?

What sabotages good perspective?

Take some time to seriously reflect on the following passage. See how it can help you become a person with solid perspective, and also a positive influence for the people around you.

28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. 29 For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory. 31 What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? 32 Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? 33 Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. 34 Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us. 35 Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?... 37 No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. 38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

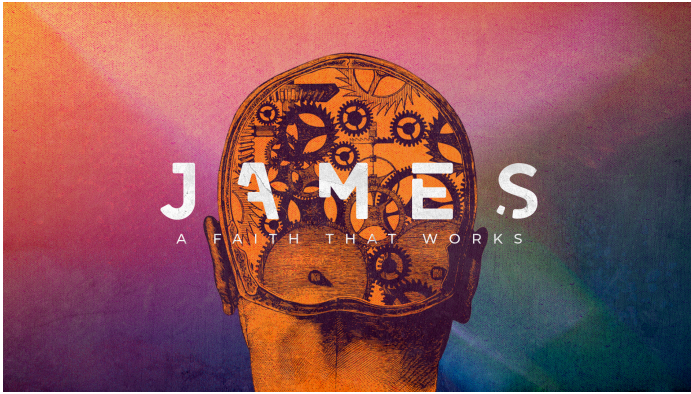
Romans 8:28-39 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

TLB – The Living Bible

MESSAGE NOTES



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Four Benefits of Trials and Tests [From the message, *Here Comes Trouble* on February 8/9]

1. To **reveal** the condition of my faith.
2. To **refine** my faith.
3. To **develop** my faith.
4. To **display** my faith for the benefit of others.

⁷ Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. ⁸ You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Don't grumble about each other, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. For look—the Judge is standing at the door!

James 5:7-9 (NLT)

Patience and courage are fueled by accurate perspective.

perspective (def): the ability to see things as they really are

Accurate perspective helps us build endurance.

¹⁰ For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. For instance, you know about Job, a man of great endurance. You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy.

James 5:10-11 (NLT)

Each of us should embrace being the Chief Perspective Officer in our spheres of influence.

Remember: God rewards faithfulness! Both in this life and the next.

"I came naked from my mother's womb," he said, "and I shall have nothing when I die. The Lord gave me everything I had, and they were his to take away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Job 1:21 (TLB)

Also remember, He accepts us where we are and will help us as we let Him!

You have seen me tossing and turning through the night. You have collected all my tears and preserved them in your bottle! You have recorded every one in your book.

Psalms 56:8 (TLB)