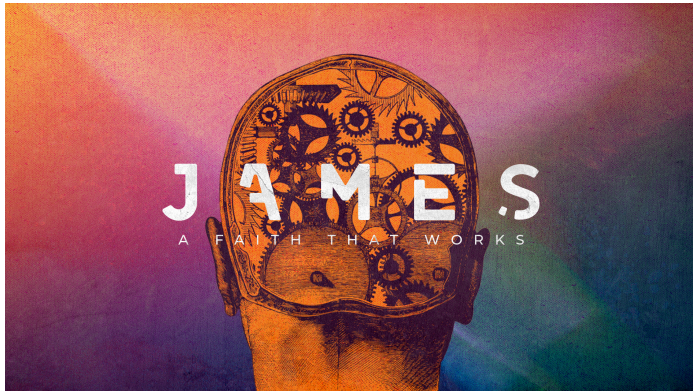


TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: James
Message: Here Comes Trouble
Speaker: Rusty Coram
Date: February 8/9, 2020

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)

Take some time to carefully walk through the five stages about 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!

For more information about persecution throughout the world:

Open Doors USA: www.opendoorsusa.org

Voice of the Martyrs: www.persecution.com

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: www.uscirf.gov/

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

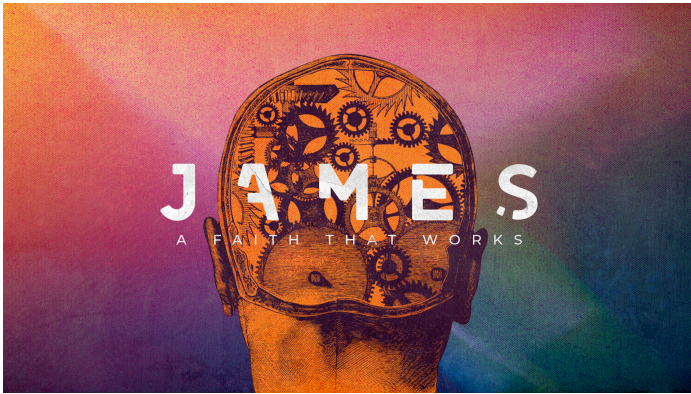
MSG – The Message

NAS – New American Standard

NLT – New Living Translation

TLB – The Living Bible

MESSAGE NOTES



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James 1:2-4,12 (NLT)

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 (NAS)

3. Ask God 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.

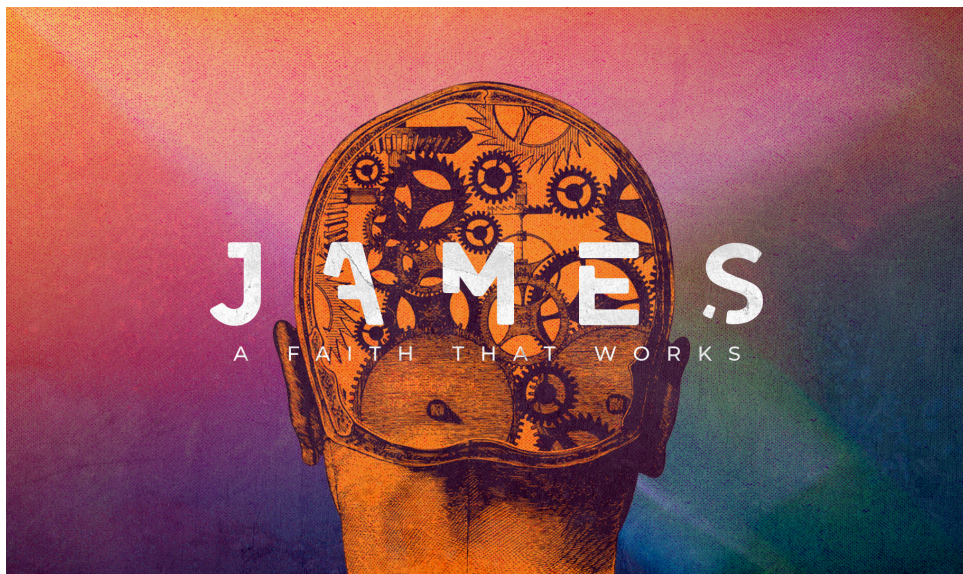
...don't try to squirm out of your problems.
James 1:4 (TLB)

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. Grow!

³ ...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.
James 1:3-4 (NLT)



The Book of James is a powerful and intensely practical how-to manual for the Christian life. In this short letter, we learn how God has equipped us to face anything that comes our way with purpose, confidence, courage and hope. **This week: Here Comes Trouble.** Trouble will be part of our lives until history wraps up or we die. James' letter gives us the tools we need to find joy, rather than being derailed by trouble each and every time it arrives.

FIRST TIME GUESTS

We promise we're not going to make you stand up in front of everyone or track you down, but we'd love to know you were here today! Simply fill out your communication card in the seat back in front of you and check the "First Time Guest" box. On your way out, stop by Guest Services at the front doors and get your FREE welcome gift. We're glad you are here!

**WE'RE
SO GLAD
YOU JOINED
US TODAY!**

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We're honored when people choose to do church with us. New Hope is for anyone who wants to seek God - from those exploring if He even exists, to devoted Christ-followers. Wherever you are, you'll find we are committed to showing the love of Jesus and helping people establish a relationship with Him. We are casual, laid-back and far from perfect. **ALL are welcome!**



FLOURISH

A MENTORING JOURNEY

We benefit from the wisdom and encouragement of those who have gone before us and reflect Jesus. A mentoring relationship between women can be rich soil for spiritual growth.

What Can I Expect?

FLOURISH is a one-year commitment that connects women in a curriculum-based mentoring relationship to encourage and challenge one another in their walk with Jesus.

Explore what the Scriptures say about topics such as: prayer, identity, calling, kinship and gratitude. Process these topics, and beyond, with a mentor who is ahead of you in life.

Journey through your life challenges and joys, while gaining the support of your mentor and fellow mentees, rooted in the Word of God.

Apply today or find out more information at **bit.ly/nhmentee**.

The cost is \$30 (Mentee Journal) and registration closes February 28th. Questions? Email Karenn.Rowenhorst@newhope.org.

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Ever wonder how the building is used during the week? It's filled with bright-eyed preschoolers and a loving staff of experienced teachers! We offer three, four and five day classes for children ages 2.5 to 5 years. Interested families are invited to schedule a tour to learn more about our play-based curriculum and experience first-hand what sets Silo Center Preschool apart. Find us at www.silocenterpreschool.com to learn more.

TAKE CHARGE

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

Calling all men of New Hope - we're having a one-day retreat.

Throughout the day, we'll hear from a variety of speakers about how to take charge in our work, personal, and spiritual lives as men of God. Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 22nd from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm. We will meet in the New Hope Atrium and the cost is \$20. Lunch is included. Questions? Email mensministry@newhope.org.

Sign up now at bit.ly/menfeb2020. And don't forget to invite a friend!



We're excited to offer training to teach ESL classes at New Hope! We are dedicated to this ministry because it not only helps people who live in our community, but also provides a way to share the good news of Jesus with the international community. The training is two full days: Thursday, and Friday, February 27th and 28th, from 9 am to 3 pm each day. New Hope will provide lunch and snacks. Sign up before February 24th at bit.ly/eslnewhope.

Zeponic FARMS

VALENTINE PARTY

FEBRUARY 15TH

FOR THOSE 16 AND OLDER WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
7-8:30 PM | DJ & DANCING | FOOD | PHOTOBOOTH
RSVP ONLINE AT [BIT.LY/ZEPONICVALENTINE](http://bit.ly/zeponicvalentine)

PARENT
CHILD
DEDICATION

Our next Parent/Child Dedication is on Saturday, March 21st at 10:00 am. We will have parent information meetings after all services the weekend of February 29th/March 1st. Questions? Please email pcd@newhope.org.

GIVE THE GIFT OF

HOPE & LOVE

This February, we want to focus on sharing our faith by giving the gift of love and hope to those in need. The Bible says,

¹⁴ What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? ¹⁵ Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, ¹⁶ and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? ¹⁷ So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

James 2:14-17 (NLT)

As followers of Christ, when it's within our power to do good, God wants us to take the opportunity!

We have two partners we work with to help our neighbors around the world. They are **Hope 4 Kids International** (H4KI-hope4kidsinternational.org) and **Feed My Starving Children** (FMSC- fmsc.org). Both of these amazing organizations are focused on helping children around the world have a better tomorrow. We are committed to meeting the needs of 50 children through H4KI and providing meals that will feed 1,644 children this year through FMSC. **Will you join us?**

Sponsoring a child through H4KI costs just \$1 a day. For \$31 a month you can provide for basic needs, healthcare, educational tuition, cost of supplies and books. You will receive a picture and biographical information about the child you sponsor and have the opportunity to correspond with them.

Feeding a child for an entire year through FMSC costs just \$.24 a day or \$88 for the year. When we supply the food, ministry partners who work with these children are able to use their resources for education, medical and housing needs. The food is sent to the area of greatest need and although you won't see specific faces, once our food has shipped following our mobilepack in November, we will let you know the food's destination.

Will you share the gift of love and hope today? We have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a world that desperately needs Him.

HOPE
FOR HELP

STOP BY THE TABLE IN THE LOBBY TO SEE THE KIDS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP.

VISIT GIVE.CLASSY.ORG/HOPEFORHELP TO MAKE A DONATION FOR MUCH NEEDED FOOD THROUGH FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN.

THANKS FOR GIVING THE GIFT OF HOPE!



GIVE A LITTLE.
GAIN A LOT.

NEW HOPE BLOOD DRIVE COMING SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH



Check out our new Family Ministry wall. Find out how you can be more intentional with the time you have and take some of our weekly parent resources. We want to help you connect home and church, so we make a bigger impact on our kids' futures.

You can also connect with us on social media. Join the Parents of New Hope Group on Facebook or search @nhcparents1 on Twitter.



This year's Bible Reading Plan (BRP) will encourage you to explore and develop disciplines in your life to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus. Think of a discipline as a habit that deeply influences your life. Each month is devoted to a different spiritual discipline or habit. Richard J. Foster, author of *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth* defines spiritual disciplines as "...the means of God's grace

for bringing about genuine personality formation characterized through and through by love and joy and peace and patience and kindness and goodness and faithfulness and gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23)." Spiritual disciplines are practices we do or habits we develop with the end result of being more like Jesus. We would like to encourage you to read *Celebration of Discipline* along with the BRP. You can purchase it on Amazon.com. The BRP can be found at newhope.org or hard copies are available at Guest Services.

FINANCE UPDATE - JANUARY OFFERING

JANUARY BUDGET \$157,656

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mark your calendar

Feb

2.15
Z Farms
Valentine Party

2.22
Men's Retreat

2.23
Mission Muffins

2.27-28
ESL Training

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3.7
Blood Drive

3.14
Northstar
Womens
Conference

3.21
Parent/Child
Dedication

3.22
Mission Muffins

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4.4
Baptism Info
Meetings

4.11
Good Friday

4.12-13
Easter Services

4.18
Baptism
Celebration

4.26
Mission Muffins

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5.24
Mission Muffins



The Landing is for students in 6th-12th grade who want help dealing with difficult life issues. It's a safe place to talk openly about real life, learn new ways of coping, and have a little fun. The Landing meets on Tuesdays from 7- 8:30 pm. Learn more at www.thingscansuck.com.

You can also email info@thingscansuck.com or call 703.971.4673 ext 120. **This month we're talking about self-harm.** Join us to learn what God has to say about it.

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