

8/5/18 | James 1: Troubles

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds."

—James 1:2 | NIV



DISCUSSION

1. Do you consider outer troubles (trials) or inner troubles (temptation) to be harder to deal with? Why?
2. Do you grow more from dealing with outer troubles or with inner troubles? Why?
3. What stuck out to you from James 1? What stuck out to you from the sermon?

Outside Troubles

4. Read James 1:2-4, 12. What are we ordered to do when faced with trials? What does God promise?
5. Read Romans 4:3-4. What is the end result of suffering? Why does this matter?
6. Read 2 Peter 1:5-11. What qualities should we be adding to our faith? Why? How?
7. In 1 Peter 1:6-9, why do trials come? What are believers receiving?
8. Because of what you've studied about outer troubles, what will your response be to trials when they come?

Inner Troubles

9. Read James 1:13-15. How is it encouraging to remember that temptations do not come from God?

10. What does James 1:25 call us to do? Is this a one-time commitment? Why or why not?
11. Read Philippians 3:12-14. How does Paul's (the author's) perspective encourage you to not give up?
12. How does 1 Corinthians 10:13 encourage you when you are tempted?
13. Because of what you've studied about inner troubles, how will you handle temptation when it comes?

TAKE AWAY: Recognize, Remove, Replace