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“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.”

James 1:2-3

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WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT TRIALS

SERMON 2

Last Sunday, we considered the message of James. This letter will show us that ...

- Trials are good
- Faith is about you live every day
- Christianity is a public matter

Author—“James” (Mark 3:21; 1 Corinthians 15:3-7)

Recipients—“*twelve tribes scattered abroad*” (Acts 7:54-8:1)

1A. TRIALS ARE TEMPTATIONS

1B. What are trials and temptations?

The key word in chapter one is the word translated *trial* (1:2) and *temptation* (1:12). Though there are two different English words used, both are from the same Greek root word *peira* (πεῖρα). *peira* (πεῖρα) – This word is a noun meaning to perforate or pierce through.

2B. How are trials temptations?

When a trial enters your life, a trial can produce something spiritually beneficial. Yet that same trial can also lead into temptation. When you resist temptation, God produces something in you.

2A. TRIALS ARE TEACHERS

1B. Lessons we need to know

2B. Lesson we need to live

3A. TRIALS ARE TESTS

1B. A test of joy

“joy” (χαρὰν, Root: χαίρω, chairō) – Joy is an inner gladness, inner rejoicing, inner delight. Joy is based on spiritual realities that are independent from circumstances.

2B. A test of faith

“faith” (πιστεύω, *pisteuō*) – To believe, to have faith, to trust. The word means to be firmly persuaded.

3B. A test of patience

“patience” (μένω, *Meno*) – To remain, to dwell, to live.

1 Peter 1:6-9—*In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, Whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.*