



## “Trials”

James 1:2-4

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### **I. Trials (Of Many Kinds)**

What does James 1:2 talk about Christians facing?

How would you define a “trial”? How is it different than a “temptation”?

Describe some of the trials that are evident in our world?

How can people become trials for us?

Why are some Christians surprised when they have to go through trials?

What does God do for believers in the midst of trials?

What is the message for us found in Psalms 9:9 and Psalms 46:1?”

### **II. Trials Produce...**

What does it mean when something is “tested”?

What does James mean when he uses the term “faith”?

How would you define the “testing of our faith”?

What does the testing of our faith produce?

What is the opposite of perseverance?

What does perseverance seem to acknowledge about the Christian life?

Why am I willing to persevere in certain things and not in other things?

What would you say is the value and worth of having a faith in Jesus and a relationship to God in Jesus?

What does Philippians 4:13 tell us?

### **III. Trials Result In...**

What is the positive result of trials that is mentioned in James 1:4?

How do the words “finish” and “mature” and “complete” and “not lack anything” fit together?

What did the English preacher Charles Spurgeon mean when he said, “Trials teach us what we are; they dig up the soil, and let us see what we are made of.”? Why do trials do this?

How do trials emphasize our need for God?

How do trials help us grow in our dependence on God?

What does it mean for us to be “complete and mature in our faith”?

Why can we have joy when we go through trials? What is this joy in?

What is the “crown of life” that James 1:12 talks about?