

The Book of James: Ancient Wisdom For Right now

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GOD'S NOT OUT TO GET YOU

- God tests, but He does not tempt. He may put us in tough spots, but He is incapable of doing evil.
- All the greatest examples of testing we are shown in scripture—Jesus, Job, and Abraham—were tests where those tested passed.
- God wants us to succeed, promises us more life if we endure.

GOD'S OUT TO GROW YOU

- James demonstrates that obstacles to our short term happiness are opportunities for our eternal growth.
- God is making us into something new, which means we need to grow.
- Learning to take responsibility for our actions is an essential step to welcoming that growth.

GOD BELIEVES IN YOU

- Responsibility is only given to people we believe will do well with it.
- God believes in us and is there to help us grow into what He is making us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How do we keep our understanding of God's good character in the midst of difficulties?
- What are some things that tempt you? Do you have people you can be honest with about those things?
- What past events that were obstacles to your happiness turned out to be beneficial for your growth?