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LIVING LIKE JESUS IN THE MIDST OF TRIALS

James 1:1-12

NOTES:

INTRO:

James 1:1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

RESPOND TO TRIALS BY REJOICING OVER THE GROWTH THEY PRODUCE

1. Choose a joyful countenance when hard times hit.

James 1:2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

2. Persevere through the hard times with your eyes set on the growth produced.

James 1:4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

RESPOND TO TRIALS BY SEEKING GOD'S WISDOM

1. Expectantly ask God to supply wisdom when needed.

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

2. Give no room to the roadblocks of distrust and selfishness.

James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

RESPOND TO TRIALS BY EMBRACING THEIR UNIFYING EFFECTS

1. Poor believers – boast in your exalted position!

James 1:9 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation,

2. Rich believers – boast in your humble position!

James 1:10 and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹ For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

RESPOND TO TRIALS BY MAINTAINING AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

James 1:12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

REVIEW/DISCUSS/APPLY:

1. Read James multiple times this week (it takes about 15–20 minutes). Take note of the themes listed above and how James uses them throughout the book. What questions come up as you read? In what ways are you encouraged, challenged, or convicted?
2. Re-read James 1:6–8. Identify times of spiritual/relational instability that you have experienced in your life. How does double-mindedness produce an unstable life? What is the remedy to this problem?
3. What can you confidently anticipate receiving from God as you encounter hardships in your life? How does reflecting on these things develop a mindset that immediately views trials as reasons for joy?

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