

## **James: Intro & Trials**

Sermon Notes April 28th, 2024

### **James 1:1-2**

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings. 2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

### **John 16:22**

22 So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again, and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

**Joy is a character trait that we, as disciples of Jesus, have no matter our \_\_\_\_\_.**

### **James 1:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

### **Romans 5:3-5**

3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

### **1 Peter 1:6-7**

6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

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### **James 1:5**

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

**God gives \_\_\_\_\_ to those who \_\_\_\_\_, and he does so \_\_\_\_\_.**

### **James 1:6-8**

6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

### **What is doubt?**

To be at \_\_\_\_\_ with oneself and others instead of settled \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Doubt & Deconstruction Pitfalls by Jared Scholz "Sandbox to Museum":**

1. Move fast about important conversations.
2. Attempt to harmonize the Kingdom of God and culture.
3. Do it alone.
4. Live above scrutiny.
5. Skepticism is your superpower. Doubt becomes a virtue to aspire to.

### **Ephesians 4:14-16**

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

**God doesn't bless those who doubt His \_\_\_\_\_.**

### **James 12:9-12**

9 Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. 10 But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. 11 For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.

### **Psalms 37:1-11**

### **Isaiah 40:7-8**

### **James 1:12**

12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

### **Take Home:**

**In order to endure, persevere, stand the test and receive the crown you must be committed to three things:**

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