

SERMON SERIES: The Good Life
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Key Line

How we respond to adversity will determine the depth of our faith.

Seek the Word

Read James 1:1-7.

- What was happening in the Church at the time James was written? (*The Christian people were being persecuted and rejected because of their faith.*)
- According to verses 2-3, what did James say our response should be when we face trials of many kinds because of our faith? (*Consider it joy because we know the testing of our faith develops perseverance.*)
- What does the testing of our faith produce in us? (*Endurance, maturity, completion*)
- Verses 5-6 tell us how to endure persecution and grow in faith. What should we do? (*Ask God for wisdom, believe and not doubt.*)
- Read verse 12. What happens to the one who perseveres? (*He receives the crown of life.*)

Talk About It

- “Wisdom is seeing things from God's perspective.” When something unexpectedly hard hits your life, how can you see things from God's perspective and not get wrapped up in how you feel about it and how it affects you? Give some concrete ways.
- Tell about a time when your faith grew because of troubled times.
- As a body, we can be well-equipped to walk each other through our pain. How can your small group help each other through pain? Have you seen this happen before in your group?

Bible Reading Plan

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