

GOD'S WORD for you.

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PART 3

Purpose In Our Trials

JAMES 1:2-8

God's purpose for us is seen in the process.

I. How Our Trials Are to Be Viewed. v. 2

A. The trial is not a joy. ¹ Peter 1:6

⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **1 PETER 1:6-7**

B. Trials are to be considered a joy.

1. We must make a choice.

2. We must view trials as complete joy.

² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope... **ROMANS 5:2-4**

II. What These Trials Do for Us: *They Bring About Our Maturity* v. 3-4

A. Our faith is tested v. 3

1. Trials show how we are to react.

2. Trials show how we are to trust God.

⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. **PHILIPPIANS 1:6**

B. Perseverance is developed v. 3

C. Steadfastness develops us v. 4

1. Steadfastness has a purpose.

2. Steadfastness has results.

a. It develops our maturity.

b. It makes us complete.

c. It keeps us from lacking in any way.



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Welcome to Wawasee!

OUR OUTCOMES

This is who we hope you grow to *become* at Wawasee Bible...

If I'm truly growing as a follower of Jesus, I should be growing in the ways that I am...



1 | Receiving From God.

Am I reading the Word regularly? When am I gathering to hear the Word taught? What fruit of the Spirit do I see growing in my life?



2 | Responding To God.

How am I talking to and listening to God regularly? What are some healthy spiritual habits I'm working on (things like giving, scripture memory, repentance, rest, etc.)?



3 | Receiving From Others.

Where and how am I in community/friendship with other Christians in our church who have a window to speak into my life?



4 | Moving Toward Others.

How and where am I contributing to and initiating community with other Christians in our church? (Or am I only consuming?)



5 | Going to those Far from God.

How am I regularly going toward those who are far from God—loving them, sharing God's Story and my own story? When was the last time I shared God's story and/or my faith story? Who is on my PEARL list?

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: James 1:2-8 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

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**. ⁴ And let **steadfastness** have its **full effect**, that you may be **perfect** and **complete**, **lacking in nothing**. ⁵ If

any of you **lacks** wisdom, let him ask God, who **gives generously** to all without **reproach**, and it will be **given** him. 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.

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Purpose in Our Trials *(continued)*

III. How We Work Through These Trials v. 5-8

A. Go to God for His help v. 5

1. Ask God for His wisdom.

2. God will give us His wisdom.

a. He gives generously!

b. He gives to all!

c. He gives without reproach!

B. We must put our trust fully in God v. 6-8

1. Don't be a doubter v. 6-8

a. They are easily influenced.

b. They can't count on answers from God v. 7

c. They are double-minded v. 8

d. They are unstable v. 8

2. Be a person of faith!

Conclusion: Think about the process of how you became a child of God.



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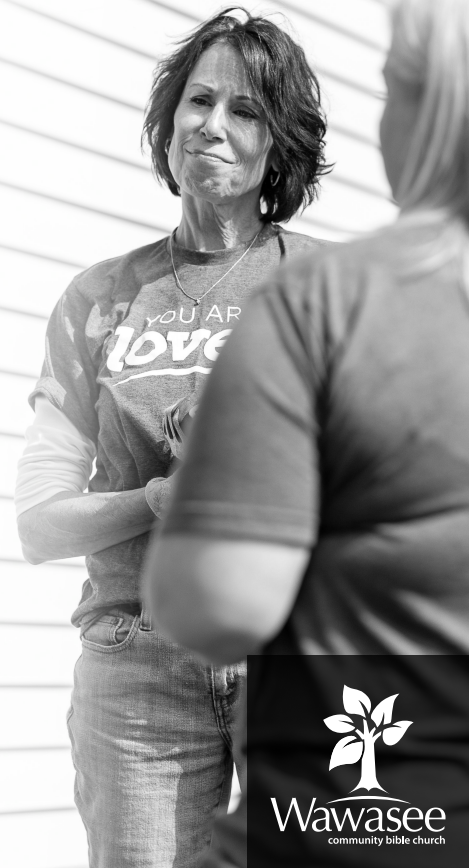
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