

Life Stinks at Times! What Are You Going to Do about It?

James 1:1-11

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2. Trials are temptations (v. 2).
3. Trials are tests (v. 3).
4. Trials are opportunities for sanctification (vv. 3-4).

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Our reaction to trials

Worldly reaction	Biblical reaction
“Why is this happening to me?” Sad Depressed Angry	“This is an opportunity for sanctification.” Consider it all joy Endurance Maturation Perseverance Proven character Hope Able to comfort others

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5. Trials should be viewed with joy (v. 2).
 - a) Trials are temporary, but their benefits are permanent.
 - b) Viewing trials with joy requires a conscious decision.
 - c) Joy doesn't exclude sadness, but it does exclude bitterness.

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6. Trials require wisdom (vv. 5-8).
7. Trials equalize everyone (vv. 9-11).

When you encounter a trial:

1. Let it make you better, not bitter.
2. Choose the perspective of joy.
3. Ask God for wisdom.