

### Focus of James

- How to live out your faith
- Progress over Perfection
- The internal belief you have in Christ should produce external change in you

### TRIALS

- If we don't quit we win
- Trial: something that happens to us
- God wants to use trials to mature us

### James 1:3

- Get God's perspective
- "Because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance"

### James 1:4

- Trust God's process
- "Let perseverance finish its work"

### \*Romans 8:28\*

### James 1:5

- We can use trials to draw closer to God
- "You should Ask God"

### James 1:6-8

- Stand firm
- "Believe and not doubt"
- "Double minded"

### TEMPTATIONS

- Satan wants to use temptation to destroy us

### James 1:13-15

- We always have a choice what to do when tempted
- Understand the process of temptation
- "Desire gives birth to sin and sin gives birth to death"

### James 1:16

- Be real about our weaknesses
- "Don't be deceived"

### \*1 Peter 5:8\*

James 1:17

- We can use temptation as a target for growth
- Learn how to overcome
- “Every good and perfect gift is from above...”

\*1 Corinthians 10:13\*

Strategies To Beat Temptations

1. Avoid the situation
2. Counter with the Word
3. Develop Healthy Friendships
4. Commit to Prayer

James 1:18

- You can experience a victorious life
- “Life through the word of truth”

Questions

1. Is your faith simply just a belief system or a way of life?
2. What is a trial you have faced recently or are currently facing?
3. What did that trial produce in you?
4. What temptations do you struggle with most?
5. What next step can you take toward experiencing a victorious life?

Notes & Questions

- I encourage you to read through James 1:1-18 together before doing any questions. Allow the Word to drive your conversation.

Announcements

- If you have group members who don't have a physical Bible, encourage them to pick up one next Sunday after service
- Remind your group about the Fostering Hope gift card drive happening throughout October