



WHEN TROUBLE COMES

James 1:1-12

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NOTES:

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. **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. **9** Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, **10** and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. **11** For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. **12** Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Life is 10% what you make it and 90% how you take it! - True or false?

2. How is it possible to find joy in sorrow?

3. In what way do our values determine our evaluations?

4. Discuss the danger of bailing out on God's purposes in pain.

5. Read **James 1:5**. Why should we pray for wisdom?

6. How do we cultivate an unwavering trust in God?

7. Read **James 1:9-11**. Based on the teaching and these verses, what do trials teach the poor and the rich?

8. Why is it so important to maintain an eternal perspective?

*This Week's
Bible Reading Schedule*

May 19th

2Kgs.23-25 & Jn.7:1-31

May 20th

1Chr.1-2 & Jn.7:32-53

May 21st

1Chr.3-5 & Jn.8:1-20

May 22nd

1Chr.6-7 & Jn.8:21-36

May 23rd

1Chr.8-10 & Jn.8:37-59

May 24th

1Chr.11-13 & Jn.9:1-23

May 25th

1Chr.14-16 & Jn.9:24-41

May 26th

1Chr.17-19 & Jn.10:1-21