

James 1:2-18 – “Prayer and Faith”

Introduction

Hardships are real

Counting Trials as Joy?! [James 1:2-4]

Trials test faith ➡ perseverance ➡ maturity, not lacking anything

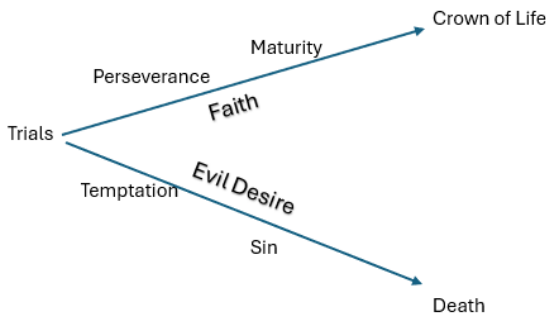
Lack of Wisdom and Asking with Faith [James 1:5-8]

Wisdom to connect our trials and the goodness of God.



Wisdom to Discern the Character of God – Option 1 [James 1:13-15]

“Things are bad and God is at fault.”



Wisdom to Discern the Character of God – Option 2 [James 1:16-18]

“Things are bad but God is good.”

The Power of Faith-filled Prayer [James 5:13-18]

PRAY! Don't let your circumstances determine how much you pray.

Conclusion / Application

Developing a “James 1 perspective” on hardship.

Cultivating habits of ongoing, regular prayer

Pray to be stimulated to pray more.