



Message Reflections

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Life isn't easy. We all face trials and temptations in our lives and often struggle with how to deal with them. We also all struggle to consistently apply the teachings of the Bible into our lives. The opening chapter in James' letter provides wisdom and practical advice for living in true faith in the midst of these struggles we face.

Read James 1:1-12.

- Think about your life. When has God taught you something powerful during or after a difficult situation or season? What was the experience, and what did you learn from it?
- How does wisdom help you persevere through difficult situations?

Perseverance is the means by which we get to the goal, and it also produces mature character and a deeper faith.

- Why is perseverance important? How can you find the motivation to persevere?

God allows trials into our lives in order to perfect our faith, and to make us mature and lacking in nothing. Be encouraged that God is using your current struggles to make you more like Jesus. Stay in it and ask God for wisdom; He will meet you in your need, and give you joy and peace that come only from Him.

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