# **SERMON NOTES**

STEPPING THROUGH TRIALS JAMES 1:1-8 | JANUARY 5, 2020 SENIOR PASTOR TIM HARKNESS



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# **IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS**

**KEY PASSAGE: JAMES 1:1-8** 

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage?

#### INFORM THE HEAD / STIR THE HEART

Please read 1 Peter 1:3-9	
1. Please share some examples of different kinds of trials we face in this life.	
2. From vs. 3-4, what perspective can we gain from these verses when we are facing trials of various kinds?	
3. Please define the words that describe our inheritance from vs. 4, and then describe what the opposite of that inheritance would be:	
a. Imperishable	
b. Undefiled	
c. Unfading	
4. To what in life can you compare the inheritance that we have in Christ?	
5. How can our trials/suffering become an obstacle to drawing near to Christ, and how can our trials/suffering help us draw near to Christ?	

6. Vs. 6, in the ESV, says that our trials are "if necessary." Why are trials necessary?
7. James 1:5 says to ask God for wisdom. How is God's wisdom helpful when going through a trial, and in what ways can we seek His wisdom?
8. How is our love for God displayed when walking through trials, and how is His love for us displayed in trials?
9. What is the goal, or the "outcome of your faith," in 1 Peter 1:8-9? What other goals get in the way of living that goal out?

### **CHALLENGE THE WILL**

Based on what you learned from the study, or read in the passage, what actions/focus do you need to pursue in order to draw closer to the Lord (i.e. Face trials with hope and purpose; Prayerfully request wisdom, humbly and confidently)?

### **WEEKLY READING PLAN**

Monday, January 6 // 1 Peter 1:1-12
Trials, if necessary

Tuesday, January 7 // 1 Peter 5:1-11
God Himself will restore

Wednesday, January 8 // Psalm 5:1-12 Take refuge in Him

Thursday, January 9 // Psalm 6:1-10
The Lord hears my plea

Friday, January 10 // James 1:9-18
Stepping Through Temptations