

HOW TO FIND CLARITY AND COMFORT IN YOUR TRIALS Pt.2 (James 1:2-4)

I. HOW to RESPOND BY FAITH in the TRIALS You Are Facing. (James 1:1-4)

A. The REALITY of TRIALS. (1:2)

1. Trials refer to the _____ you face in life.
2. Trials happen to _____.... *“My brethren”*. (1:2a)
3. Trials are _____.... *“when you fall into”*. (1:2c)
4. Trials are of many _____ ... *“various trials”*. (1:2d)

B. The REASONS for TRIALS. (1:3-4)

1. Trials are designed by God to _____ . (1:3a)

- What are the 3 “Rs” of trials? Trials ...
 - (1) _____ - our ...
 - (2) _____ - our ...
 - (3) _____ - our ...
- Is this true of local churches as well as individuals? (1 Cor.11:17-19)
- What is tried in your trials and why is this trying/refining needed?

2. Trials are designed by God to _____ . (1:3b-4a)

- What does “patience” mean?
- Since quitting the test will not produce this intended result, what are you to do?

3. Trials are designed by God to _____ . (1:4b)

- What are 5 ingredients for growth?
 - (1) _____
 - (2) _____
 - (3) _____
 - (4) _____
 - (5) _____

- In light of these biblical truths, how are you to respond in your trials?
 - 1) Openly admit that you are not _____ to handle this trial (though you are responsible to address it), and that your only hope is in the _____. (Psalm 62:1, 2, 5-12; 2 Cor. 3:5)
 - 2) Ask God and honestly evaluate to see if this trial is _____ or _____. (Phil.3:15)
 - 3) _____ - in light of the fact that God is there for you in your trial and how God is seeking to use your trials for good in your life - though they may be exceedingly painful. (James 1:2; Gen. 50:20; Job 23:10; Romans 8:28-29)
 - 4) _____, for “without faith it is impossible to please Him.” (James 1:3; Hebrews 11:6; Job 13:15)
 - 5) Occupy your mind with _____ (Job 23:12) and also _____ each _____ upon the Lord in prayer for He _____ for you, as you remember that “the battle is the Lord’s”. (Phil.4:6-8, 13; 1 Peter 5:7 -10).

- Does God truly care about you and the trials you are going through?

- When you rely on the Lord, does He immediately relieve you of your trials?
Psalm 69:1-3; Psalm 27:13-14; Isaiah 40:26-31; 2 Cor. 12:7-10

- Will the Lord comfort you IN your trials? (2 Cor.1:3-4, 8-10)

- What will happen if you fail to respond by faith to the Lord in your trials? (Hebrews 3:8 -19; 12:5, 11, 14-15)
 - 1) You will _____ and miss the _____. (3:8-19)
 - 2) You will _____ from God’s correction instead of growing through it. (12:5,11)
 - 3) You will _____ your _____ to others. (12:14)
 - 4) You will _____ the grace of God and become _____. (12:15)

- 1 Peter 1:3-7