

13. Many times adversity is a sign that you what?
14. Who is a biblical example of being such a righteous man that God allowed him to be tested?
15. Who was another man in Scripture who knew the severity of suffering?
16. Are you scarred from your pain?
17. In 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, Paul realized his difficulty was from whom?
18. We don't rejoice in the pain and adversity but we rejoice at what?
19. Satan is infinitely what to God?
20. Satan only has the freedom to do what?
21. The literal translation of I Peter 5:7 is, "Casting all your care upon Him for it..." what?
22. God cares and He still may choose to let you go through the valley because trials can do what?
23. Trials can refine our character if we what?
24. What is the good that God makes come out of everything that happens to a Christian?
25. It is doubtful that God can use any one greatly until He has done what?
26. What did Paul glory in (according to Romans 5:3)?
27. When studying the Greek word for "perseverance" we find that the word means the ability to do what?
28. Who is possibly the best illustration of "perseverance" in the Bible?
29. Where do we find Joseph's response to all of the hard times he went through?
30. What object is made up of basically the same ingredient as a diamond?
31. The only difference between a diamond and that object is that a diamond is formed under intense what?
32. According to Hebrews 12:1-2, Jesus endured the cross for what?
33. In trials we can't wait for what to lead us because they won't do so?
34. Our feelings often lead us where?
35. We have to make a choice that we will do what when we fall into various trials?
36. The word "consider" or "count" is what kind of term?
37. What are the various trials that you are experiencing now?
38. The reason why we can and should "consider it all joy" is because we know that God doesn't what?
39. You won't have any motivation to "consider it all joy" if you don't care about what?
40. A good indicator that you may not really know the Lord is if you have no interest in being what?
41. In Isaiah 49 we see a glimpse of what?

42. If you are going through adversity and trials, don't think what?

43. What is one point of application you can make for your life today as this sermon ends?

Jesus did not give you His Word to make you a smarter sinner. He gave you His Word to make you more like Himself. Apply what you learn!

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

- 1) Read James through two times this week.**
- 2) Read James 1:1-8 each day**
- 3) Give thought to some trial that you went through in the past. Jot down at least one thing that you believe God produced through that trial.**
- 4) How critical is the quality of "endurance" to you? What things do you do in your life to work on producing endurance?**

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RESPONDING TO TRIALS

James 1:2-3

(Series #2)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**Responding To Trials.**" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. This life has what?
2. God whispers in our pleasures but He does what in our pain?
3. God uses pain and adversity to shape, mold, and conform us to what?
4. We are brilliant at hiding what?
5. It is inevitable that we will experience what?
6. Jesus said that each day has enough what?
7. According to John 16:33, in the world you will have what?
8. Preparation for distress must take place when?
9. We tend to think that misfortune should only come to whom?
10. What Psalm shows the psalmist struggling with why the wicked prosper and the righteous suffer?
11. Trials strike without what?
12. We need to be very careful about judging our relationship to God based on what?

****To help protect the quality of recording the sermon, we ask that you quietly turn to the inside of this study guide. Thank you! We appreciate your help.**