

# **Maturity through Trials**

James 1:4-8

(series #3)

**Intro:** the most influential leader of the 1<sup>st</sup> century

- Acts 12:17
- Acts 15:13-21
- Acts 21:17
- Galatians 2:9, 12

**I. Trials are Inevitable v. 2**

**II. Trials are Profitable v. 3**

A. Romans 8:28

B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:18

**III. Trials are to be Accepted v. 4**

A. When accepted, trials can produce endurance

B. When resisted, trials can produce bitterness

**IV. Trials are to be Prayed Through vv. 5-8**

A. Pray for wisdom, not knowledge v. 5

1. Wisdom to grow through the trial

2. Wisdom to honor the Lord in it

3. Wisdom to see it in light of vv. 2-4

B. Pray in faith vv. 6-7

C. Pray for a single focus v. 8

**Conclusion:** God delights to answer humble prayers