QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when encountered a difficult trial in

 your life. How did you cope with it?

2. How do the trials of a believer differ from the trials of unbelievers?

3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about

 trials:

 a) John 16:33

b) Romans 5:3-5

c) Romans 8:18

d) Romans 8:28

e) II Corinthians 4:16-18

f) I Peter 4:12-13

g) I Peter 5:10

4. Why did James describe himself as a “bondservant” of the Lord?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s

 message? (*Share your decision with another person*.)

* I am going to write down ways God can use the present trial in my life to help me mature spiritually.
* I am going to encourage another believer who is going through a trial with what I have learned from this passage.
* I am going to memorize James 1:2-3.

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James 1:1-12 Study Series #01

***The Purpose of Trials***

**I. Introduction**

 A. Reaching the Top

 B. The Author

 (See James 1:1; Matthew 4:17-22; Mark 3:17; Lk 9:51-60;

 Acts 12:1-2; Matthew 10:3; Acts 1:13; Mark 2:14; Luke 6:16;

 Matthew 13:55-56; Mark 6:3; Mark 3:31-35; John 7:1-5;

 I Corinthians 15:7; Galatians 2:19; Acts 15; Jeremiah 34:14;

 Exodus 21:2-6; Philippians 4:19)

* James the son of Zebedee
* James, the son of Alphaeus
* James, the father of Judas
* James, the half-brother of Jesus

 C. The Recipients

 (See James 1:1; James 1:4; James 1:17; James 1:25;

 James 2:22; James 3:2; Hebrews 5:11-14)

**II. Four Essentials for Dealing with the Trials of Life**

 A. A Joyful Attitude

 (See James 1:2; John 16:33; Acts 14:22; I Peter 4:12;

 Romans 8:18; Hebrews 12:2)

 B. An Understanding Mind

 (See James 1:3-4; Luke 22:31-32; II Corinthians 4:17)

 C. A Believing Heart

 (See James 1:5-8; James 4:1-3; James 5:13-18;

 II Chronicles 16:12)

 D. A Humble Perspective

 (See James 1:9-11; Isaiah 40:7; I Peter 1:24)

**III. Conclusion**

 (See James 1:12)

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

**Passage of Study**

James 1:1-12

**1**James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: Greetings.

**2**Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, **3**knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. **4**And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

**5**But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. **6**But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. **7**For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, 8 being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

**9**But the brother of humble circumstances is to glory in his high position; **10**and the rich man *is to glory* in his humiliation, because like flowering grass he will pass away. **11**For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away.

**12**Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.

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