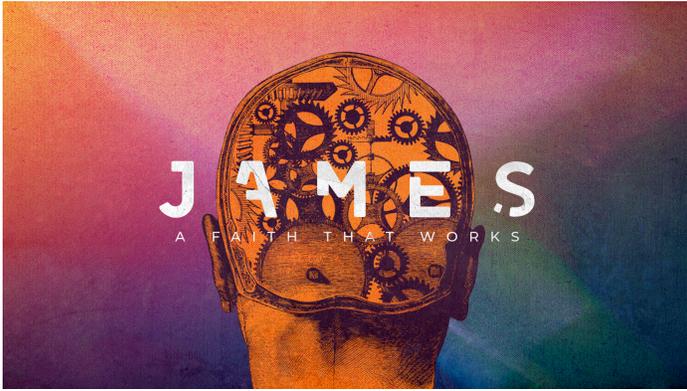


MESSAGE NOTES



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**Four Benefits of Trials and Tests** [From the message, *Here Comes Trouble* on February 8/9]

1. To **reveal** the condition of my faith.
2. To **refine** my faith.
3. To **develop** my faith.
4. To **display** my faith for the benefit of others.

<sup>7</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. <sup>8</sup> You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup> Don't grumble about each other, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. For look—the Judge is standing at the door!

James 5:7-9 (NLT)

**Patience and courage are fueled by accurate perspective.**

**perspective (def):** the ability to see things as they really are

**Accurate perspective helps us build endurance.**

<sup>10</sup> For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. For instance, you know about Job, a man of great endurance. You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy.

James 5:10-11 (NLT)

**Each of us should embrace being the Chief Perspective Officer in our spheres of influence.**

**Remember: God rewards faithfulness! Both in this life and the next.**

"I came naked from my mother's womb," he said, "and I shall have nothing when I die. The Lord gave me everything I had, and they were his to take away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Job 1:21 (TLB)

**Also remember, He accepts us where we are and will help us as we let Him!**

You have seen me tossing and turning through the night. You have collected all my tears and preserved them in your bottle! You have recorded every one in your book.

Psalms 56:8 (TLB)