



JAMES Series
Part 2: When Facing Trials
James 1:13-18

BIG IDEA:

Facing trials makes us more vulnerable to temptations but we are not helpless even when tempted. There are two ways in which we can resist and overcome temptations that often accompany our trials.

SERMON NOTE:

We can resist and overcome temptations in the midst of our trials by:

- 1) FIGHTING the _____ That Says, "God Is Not Good!" (James 1:13, 1:16).
 - God does not tempt us.
 - Temptation (being tempted) is not sin in itself, but it can quickly and easily turn into sin.

- 2) FIXING our eyes on _____ Whose Goodness is Unchanging (James 1:17)
 - Not all changes are bad.
 - Some changes are painful.
 - "A Christian is not someone who merely believes in God, but one who believes in a good God of the Bible."

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. It's been said that "Satan shows the bait and hides the hook! A bite of the bait ain't worth the pain of the hook!" Have you ever experienced this truth? Share if in a group.
2. What kind of temptations do you find most enticing or most difficult to resist as you deal with stress and pressure these days (e.g., worrying, cynicism, unregulated anger, avoiding, substance abuse, and etc.)
3. Look up Romans 8:28 and 8:32. What truths about God can you glean from those passages? In what ways can believing in those truths help you to deal with temptations during this trying time?

PRAYER: Spend some time individually or in a group praying for the following:

1. God's Protection upon our church family, and everyone--especially the elderly and the first responders (Police, Firefighters, Healthcare providers, and etc.).
2. God's Healing upon those who are vulnerable due to illness or have been infected by COVID-19. Let's continue to pray for God's healing upon our little brother, Elliot Kim as he continues his chemo treatment.
3. God's Provision for all--especially those who have been hit hard financially.
4. God's Wisdom for all the church leaders and government officials whose decisions impact many lives around the globe.
5. God's Church to be strengthened through the current trials and serve our neighbors with the love of Jesus Christ.