

Series: Core Faith

Message: Strength in Adversity

October 18, 2015

James, the back-story:

Author: James, the brother of Jesus.

The recipients: The scattered Jews.

Circumstance: Time of persecution for the Christ follower.

Theme: How to live out your faith.

When adversity comes, and it will, how we think is more important than how we feel.

James 1:2-3; Romans 5:3-5; Romans 12:1-2; Hebrews 12:2

We cannot grow if we tap out halfway through the process.

James 1:4;1 Samuel 15:1-35; Philippians 1:6

“ It never gets easier, you just get stronger” –Nike.

You Can Ask For Help

1. Ask for both wisdom in the trial and deliverance from the trial.

James 1:5; Mark 14:32-42

2. If you ask, you must be willing to listen.

James 1:5; James 4:2; Hebrews 11:6; Luke 6:46-49

3. Understanding doubt. Acts 12:1; Mark 9:21-27; Luke 18:18-23

- God? Faith is trusting God enough to do what He says.
- Consultant? Take advice, weigh options, then I choose.

Life Group Questions

For week of October 18, 2015

To prepare for this week’s meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great meeting as you come together to connect, encourage one another to grow and to see God change your live from the inside out!

Quick Review

Looking back at your notes from this Sunday’s message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

My Story

1. Have you ever encountered a difficult situation where you thought it was impossible for any good to come out of it, only to realize later that it was an important part of your personal growth? If so, explain.

2. Do you think there is much difference in “considering it pure joy” as seen in James 1:2 and having a “positive attitude”?

Going Deeper

Choosing to not “tap out” and short circuit the growth process can be no small challenge, especially when it seems like God is waiting at the other end, but not doing anything now to help the situation. How can the following verses help you stick with it and affirm God is more involved than you realize?

Jeremiah 32:40-41

John 10:27-30

John 14:15-17

Philippians 1:6

Asking God for wisdom and applying it is foundational to God growing us. It also allows us to be authentic as to what’s going on while still navigating through the situation in the way God has called us to. As you read the following verses, what do you learn about how to gain wisdom, along with its benefits?

Proverbs 1:7

Proverbs 11:2

Proverbs 13:10

Proverbs 14:8

Proverbs 19:11

Which of these Proverbs about wisdom would be the best one for you to read every day for the next week?

Prayer Requests:

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