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# UNDIVIDED

A Study on the Book of James

## TRIALS AND PERSPECTIVE James 1:2-4

*"For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison." - 2 Corinthians 4:17*

**Key Thought:** Trials are incredibly \_\_\_\_\_ when you have the right \_\_\_\_\_.

Our values determine our \_\_\_\_\_.

If God \_\_\_\_\_ it, He's using it. If He's using it, I need it.  
If I need it, I can be \_\_\_\_\_ for it.

### God allows His people to go through trials for numerous reasons:

- Trials test the strength and authenticity of our \_\_\_\_\_.  
(the book of James; 1 John 2:19; 1 Peter 1:7)
- Trials sanctify and mature us. (James 1:2-4; Romans 5:3-5)
- Trials \_\_\_\_\_ us. (2 Corinthians 12:7)
- Trials eventually produce hope. (Romans 5:3-5)
- Trials cause us to \_\_\_\_\_ on God instead of worldly things.  
(2 Corinthians 1:8-9)
- Trials open opportunities to share the gospel. (1 Peter 3:14-15)
- Trials turn our eyes toward \_\_\_\_\_ as our ultimate home.  
(Philippians 1:22-24)
- Trials reveal what we really love. (1 Peter 1:6-9)
- Trials teach us \_\_\_\_\_ and help us value God's blessings.  
(Hebrews 5:7-9)
- Trials provide opportunity for eternal reward. (James 1:12; 1 Peter 1:6-7)
- Trials develop strength for greater \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Luke 22:31-32)
- Trials help us empathize with others. (Hebrews 2:18)

### Conclusion/Reflection

What is God teaching you through your pain?

How is God using your current trials to accomplish His perfect result in you?