

Text: James 1:1-12
Topics: Humility, Maturity, Trials, Wealth, Wisdom
Series: Genuine Faith on the Anvil of Life.

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When Hot and on the Anvil

I. The Hard (1-4)

I should embrace my trials as a means to maturity.

II. The Help (5-8)

Wisdom in a trial is the help God will give me, but my faith is required.

III. The Humility (9-12)

Seeing my exaltation in my humiliation will help me persevere.

How can my trial turn into something good?

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. What was the biggest trial you faced in your life? How did it end?

2. Read James 1:1-12. Who is writing and to whom? What issue(s) does he bring up in this section?

3. What does James want his readers to see as a joy, and why? (vss. 2-4)

What was Paul's (Romans 5:3-5), and Peter's (1 Peter 1:6-7), perspective on trials?

Think of a trial you faced in which you did, or didn't endure. What affect did your faith have on your response, and what affect did your response have on your faith?

4. James speaks to those who think they lack wisdom in verses 5-8. What would wisdom be for? What does he tell them to do, how to do it, and why?

Often our trials are in the form of conflict with others and involves words spoken and feeling aroused. How would you apply verses 5-8?

5. How does James urge the poor, and the rich, to see themselves in their circumstances? (Verses 9-11)

How would this help them persevere in their trials?

6. In verse 12 James says the person who perseveres through a trial is blessed. What does successfully enduring through a trial show? How is the person blessed?

7. Summarize what this passage says about why and how to endure through a trial.

Do you have a trial you are facing right now? How can you apply what you learned from this passage?