

James: Right in God's Eyes Trials, Temptations, and Gifts

*James 1:12-18 Kirk Greenstreet
September 18, 2022*

1. Endure Each Trial with Your Eye on God's Reward

2. God Never Tempts us to Sin

3. We are Responsible in our Temptations

4. God is the Giver of Every Good Gift

5. God's Greatest Gift of all Time

DIGGING DEEPER

Share some of your successes and failures in dealing with trials. When have your trials turned into temptations that led to sin in your life? Be as vulnerable as you would like to be, but only share your own sin, not that of others.

If true faith endures to the end, how is this not a way of earning your salvation?

Explain how believing in God's sovereignty through your trials is crucial to persevering faith.

List some ways painful circumstances and unanswered questions can actually strengthen your faith.

Since God is sovereign, does this mean we are not at fault when we give in to sin? Explain from our passage this week.

What role does knowing our final reward play in enduring trials? Does it help you to think about the "crown of life" as you go through hardships and trials? Explain.

Share your answers to the following questions with those in your group. Share what this all means to you.

- Do you believe that you have rebelled against God and deserve his wrath?
- Do you believe that your sin, when it is fully grown, will lead to death for you?
- Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who died the death that you have earned for your sins?
- Do you believe that Jesus rose from the grave and lives to stand in your place as your substitute and savior?

PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS take this time to share the gospel of Jesus with your children and grandchildren in light of James 1:12-18.

THIS WEEK

Women's Retreat Sign-ups: Time is running out to sign up for our Women's Retreat! This year our Women's Retreat will be October 7-9. You can sign up at wpcchurch.org. If you've had trouble signing up, or even if you've just been putting it off, there is someone in the Commons today who can help you.

Firewood Work Day: This coming Saturday, September 24th, we will gather behind the Youth Home to cut, split, and deliver firewood to our neighbors. Winter is indeed coming, and people will be needing this wood soon! Come lend a hand at 9am.

IN COMING DAYS

Getting Plugged In: Please come to our Getting Plugged In meeting next Sunday, September 25th at 12:15 pm in the Activity Center. This is right after second service, and we'll be serving a light lunch. This meeting will show you how you can get connected in a small group, how you can find your best place to serve, and how you can begin the process of becoming a member. We'd love to see you there!



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Are you new here? Don't let all the unfamiliar faces scare you away. Go to our Welcome Kiosk where there's someone to tell you a little more about us, and we've even got a gift for you!

Connection Challenge: This week, express your delight in someone. You don't need to be effusive or an extrovert to demonstrate delight. It could be your quiet awe of your child's Lego creation, your gentle smile and a big hug when someone walks in the door. Even if you're not the kind of person who speaks in italics and exclamation points, express your delight to someone this week.

Looking for a way to serve? Youth Group and RADIX are starting up, and we would love your help! Come love on our 4th through 12th graders! Contact Bill Brown or Courtney Neuber for more details on how you can get involved.

Missionaries of the Month: Please pray for Carlos & Xinia Rojas as they work in Costa Rica.

Monthly Giving Goal: \$103,333
September Giving-to-Date: \$63,495