

6. V.12 shows that the person who perseveres during trials is “HAPPY”  
Why do you think that is?

7. Tell me a little about perseverance?

8. Who will persevere and why during trials?

9. What are the results of Christian perseverance during trials?

10. How shall we respond to this section of James about trials?

## What is Perseverance?

Lessons to learn during trials:

V. 2 “Have the right attitude during trials

V. 2b Trials are part of your life

V. 2c Trials will come in different ways, colors, shape or forms

V. 3 Have, JOY, have the right attitude “Because trials have a positive purpose for your life

V. 4 During the trials you will learn and mature in life

V. 5-8 “Ask for wisdom”

V. 9-11 “It doesn’t matter if you are, rich or poor, trials are going to get to you”

### James 1

*<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.*

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*<sup>12</sup> Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.*

### Definition *endurance*

: the ability to withstand hardship or adversity *especially* : **the ability to sustain a prolonged stressful effort or activity** a marathon runner's *endurance*

### Definition of *perseverance*:

**continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure, or opposition** : the action or condition or an instance of persevering :

Today, James Is going to help us understand about perseverance

## 1. The importance of perseverance in a believer's life

**When a believer is facing a trial, he is not supposed to just go through but grow through it**

- The trials are opportunities to grow and get stronger in our faith if we persevere

Galatians 6:9 ESV

let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

- To develop character

Romans 5:4

**endurance produces character**, and character produces hope

Heb. 12:1-3

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.<sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross*

## 2. The person who perseveres in the trials

**V12a** *Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved,*

## 3. The result of your perseverance.

**V.12c** *he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.*

### Small Group questions.

1. In this section of James V.2-12 What have you learned about trials?
2. Why is having the right attitude during trials important?
3. Why are all trials different, why does God allow that?
4. Have you been able to see the purpose in any of your trials?
5. Why is wisdom important when you are under trials?