

Learning Objectives

1. To provide **handles** to study the Word for **life transformation**
2. To **enjoy learning** and **grow together** in **knowing and pleasing God**
3. To **foster new friendships**



SCHEDULE

No	Date	Topic	Text
1	10-Jul-19	Overview / Trials and Temptations	James 1:1-18
2	24-Jul-19	Doers not Hearers	James 1:19-27
3	14-Aug-19	Do not show favoritism	James 2:1-13
4	28-Aug-19	Faith and Works	James 2:14-26
5	25-Sep-19	Tame our Tongues with Wisdom	James 3:1-18
6	9-Oct-19	Submission to God	James 4:1-12
7	23-Oct-19	Warning for the Proud and Rich	James 4:13-5:6
8	13-Nov-19	Patience in Suffering	James 5:7-12
9	27-Nov-19	Summary / Prayer of Faith	James 5:13-20


3 Key Questions

What does God require of me?

What I have learned (about God) today?

What questions do I have in mind?

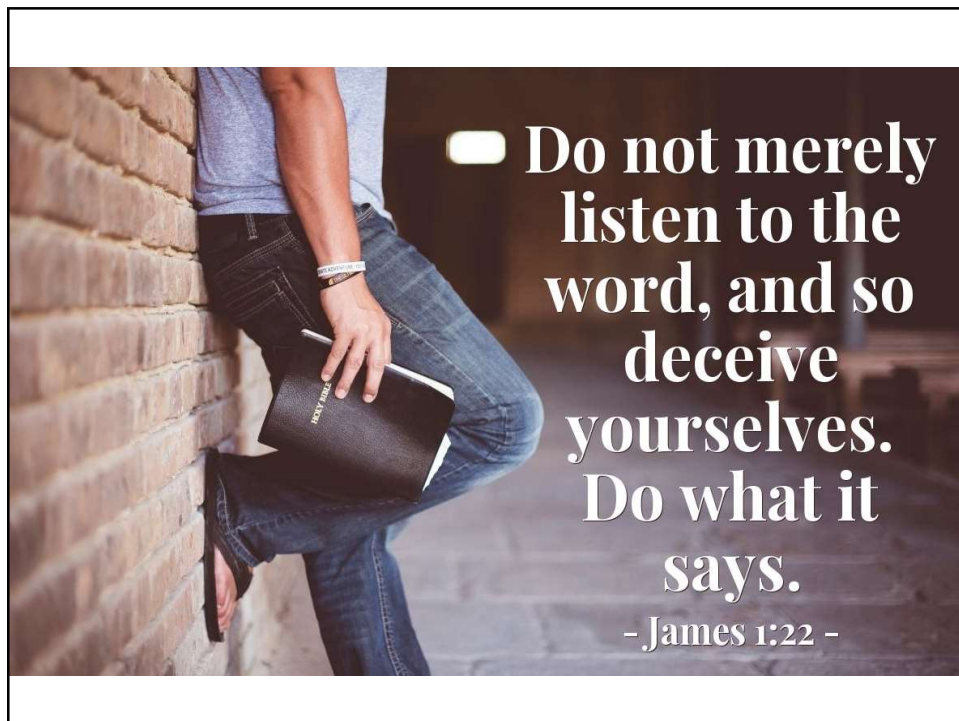




JAMES

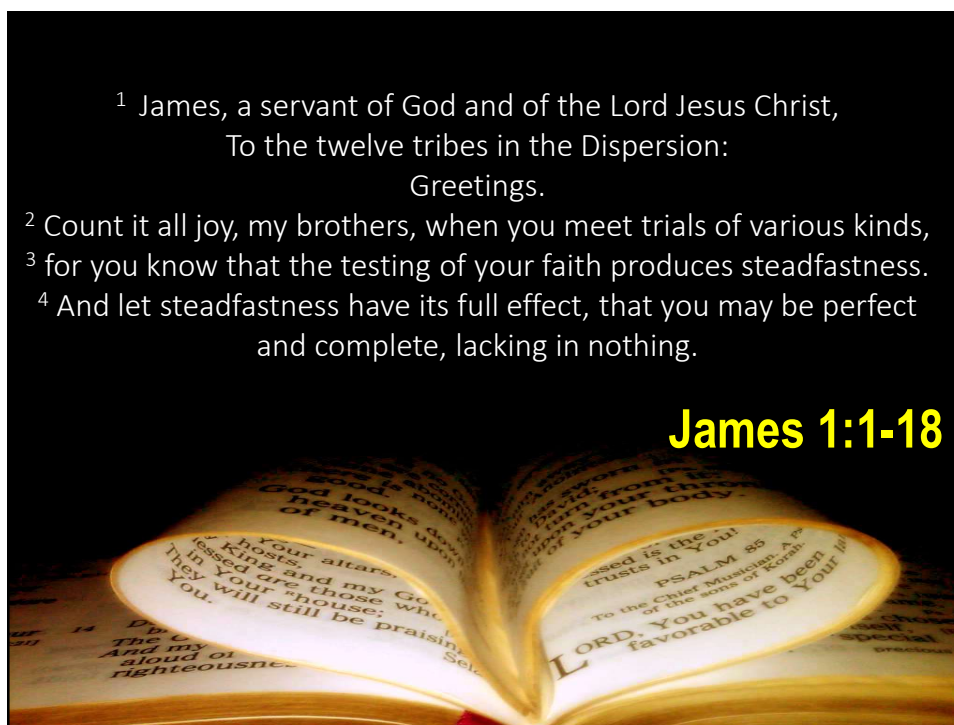
Theme: Faith revealed through works

Key verse: James 1:22



**Do not merely
listen to the
word, and so
deceive
yourselves.
Do what it
says.**

- James 1:22 -



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James 1:1-18



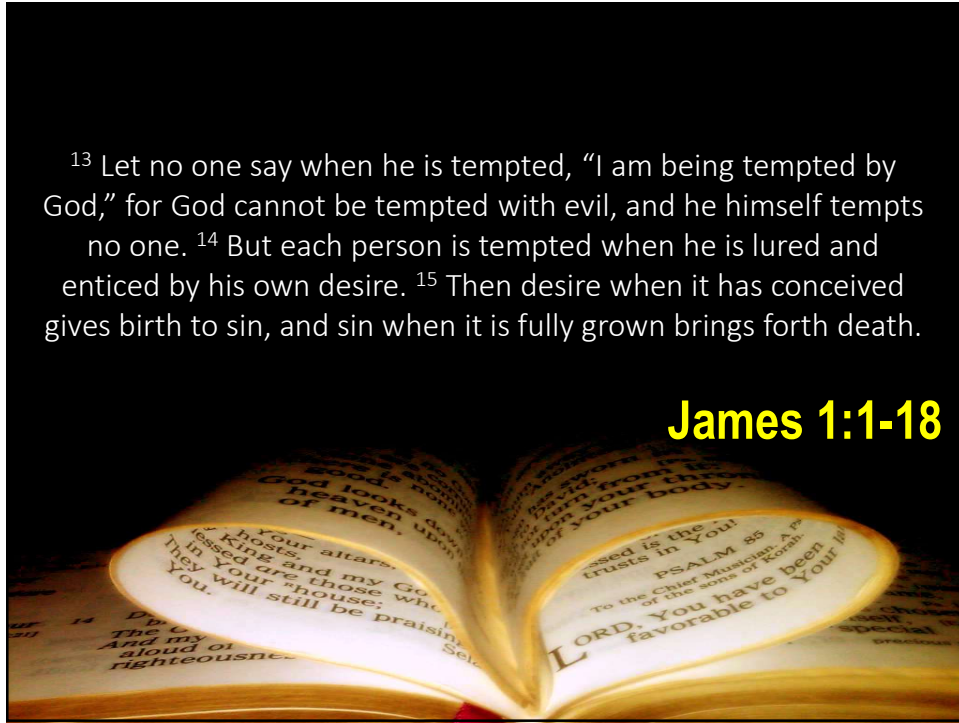
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James 1:1-18



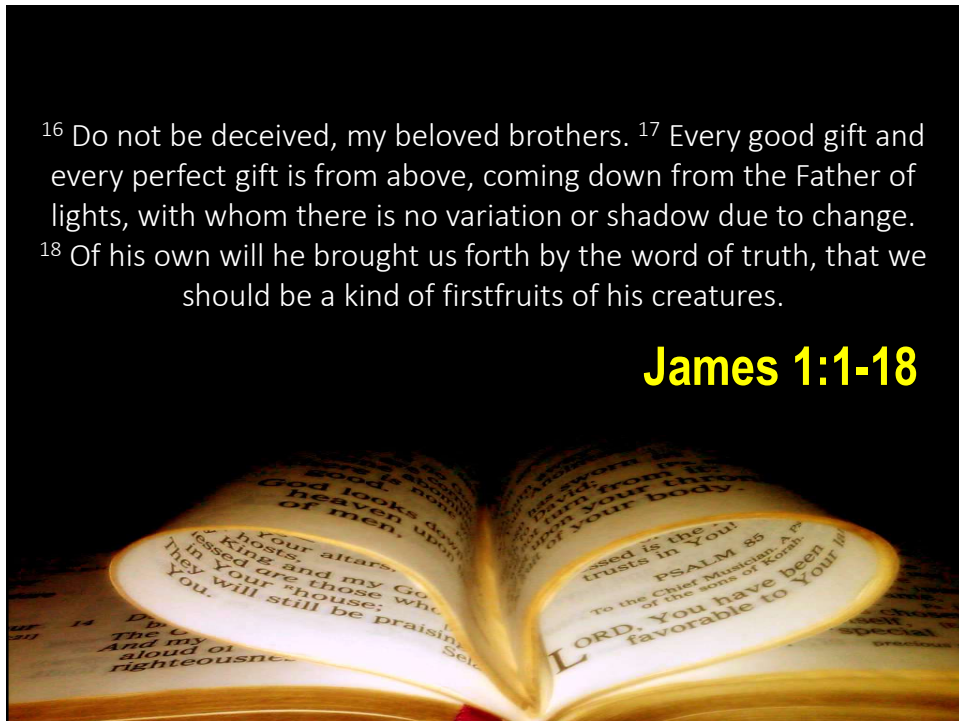
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James 1:1-18



JAMES 1

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,
 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.
 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord, for he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

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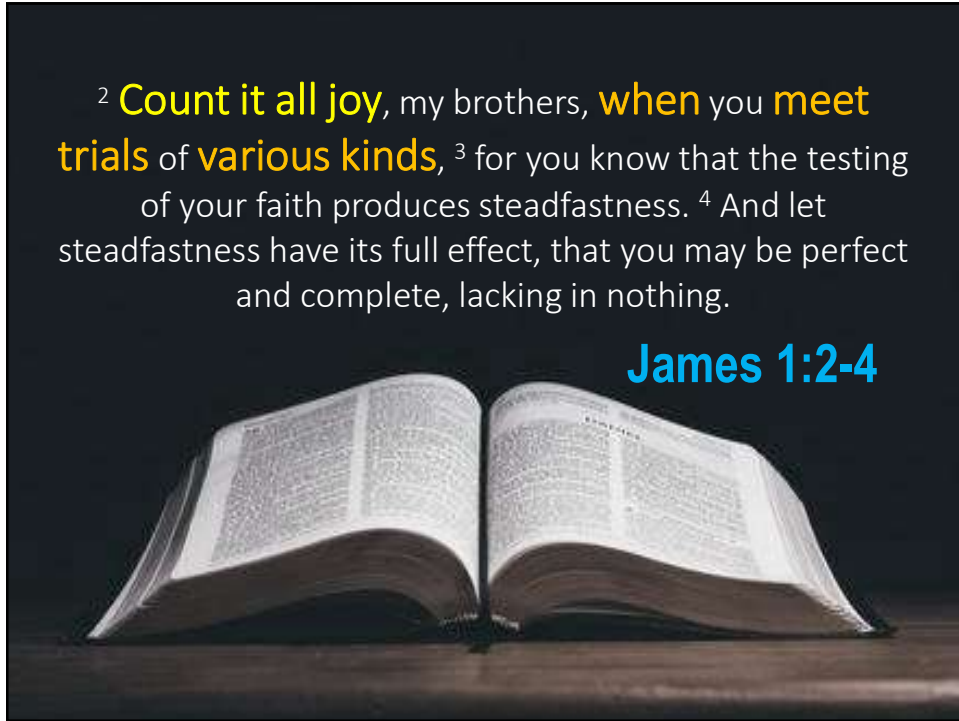
Author: James
Audience: 12 tribes scattered among the nations
Date: AD 44 – 47

Faith at works is revealed when we overcome

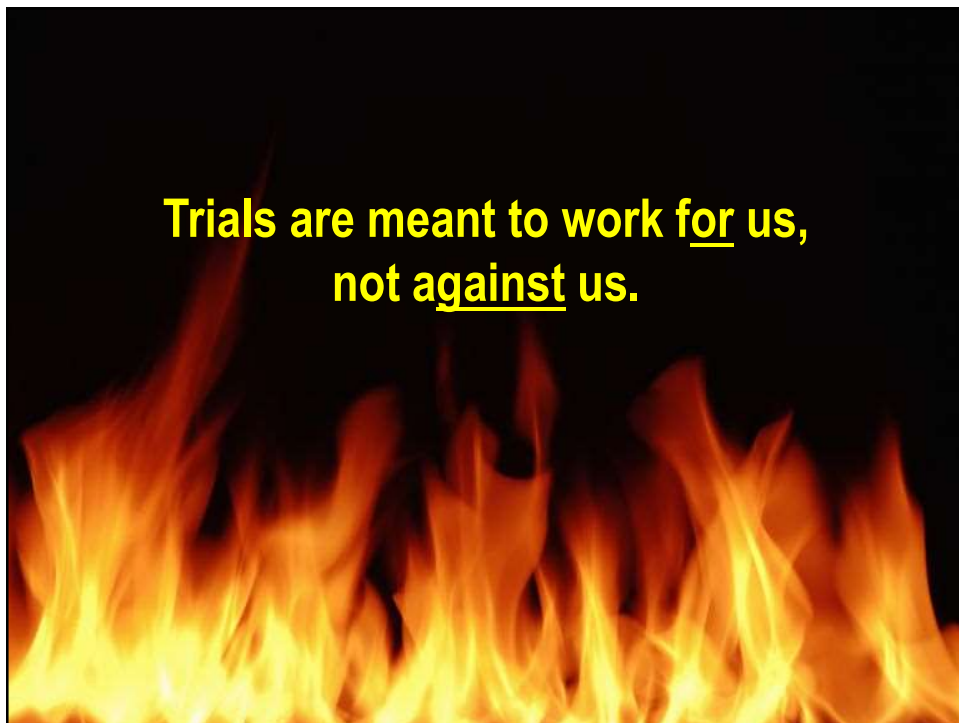
Trials & Temptations

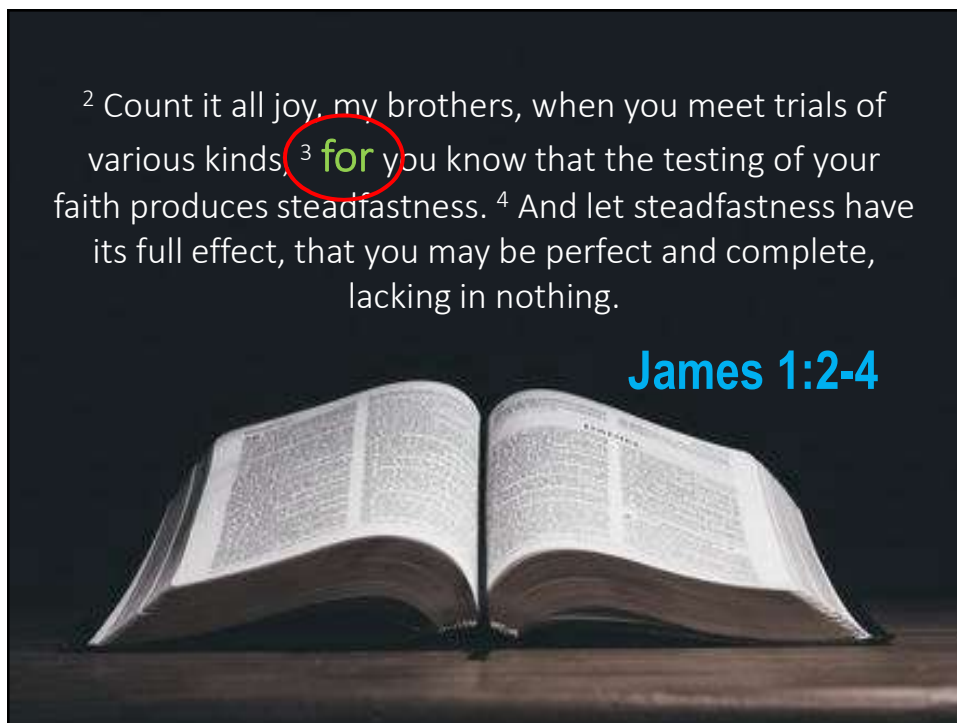
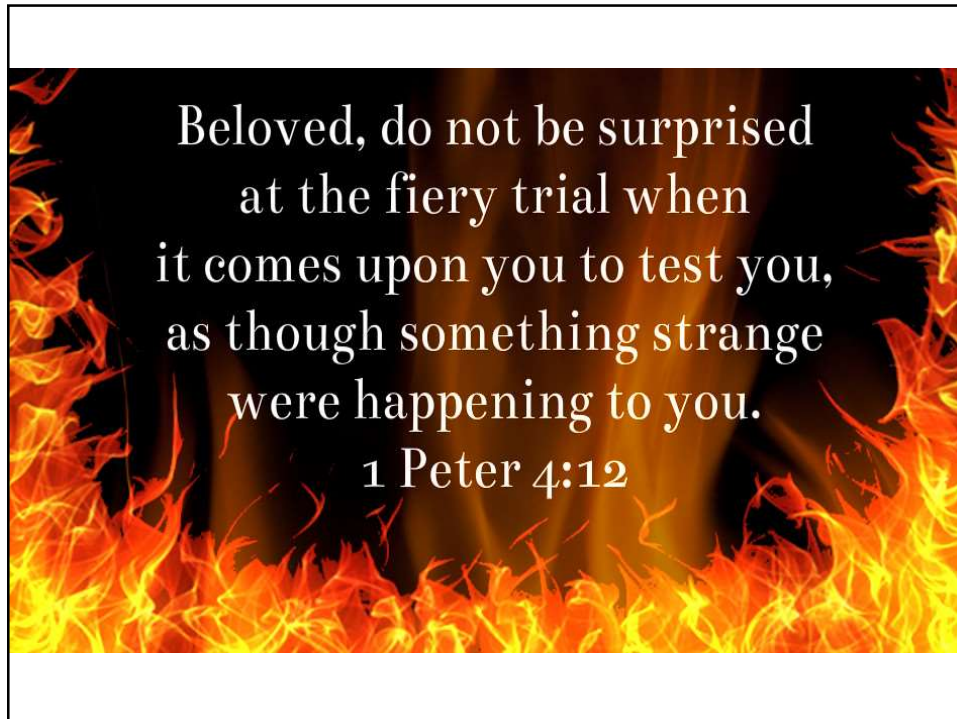
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James 1:2-4



**Trials are meant to work for us,
not against us.**



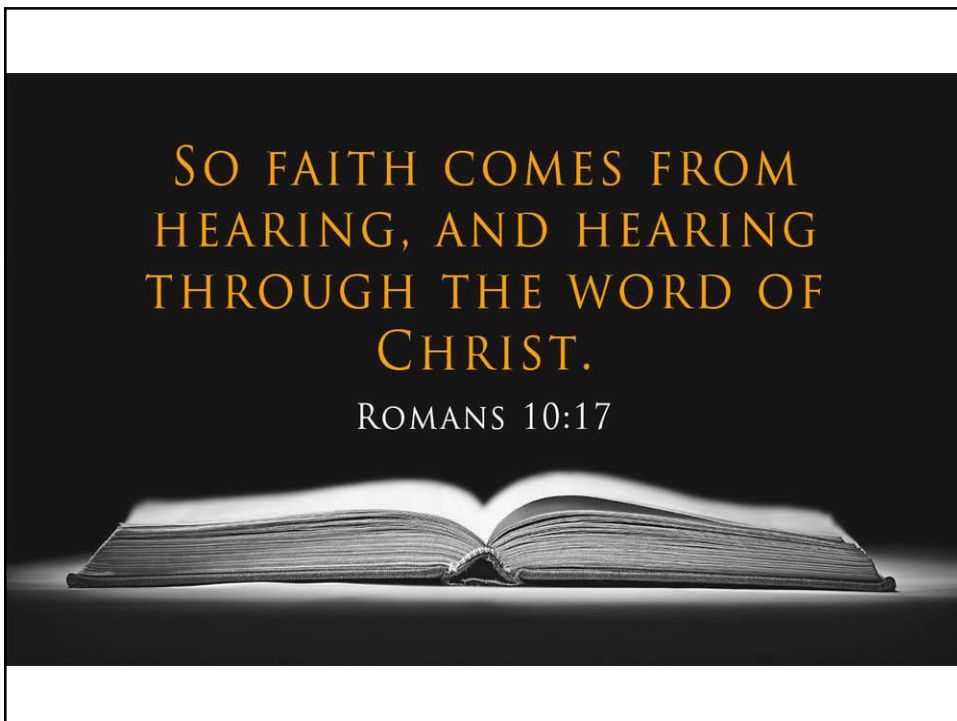


**Trials surface the faith that is
already there in us.**



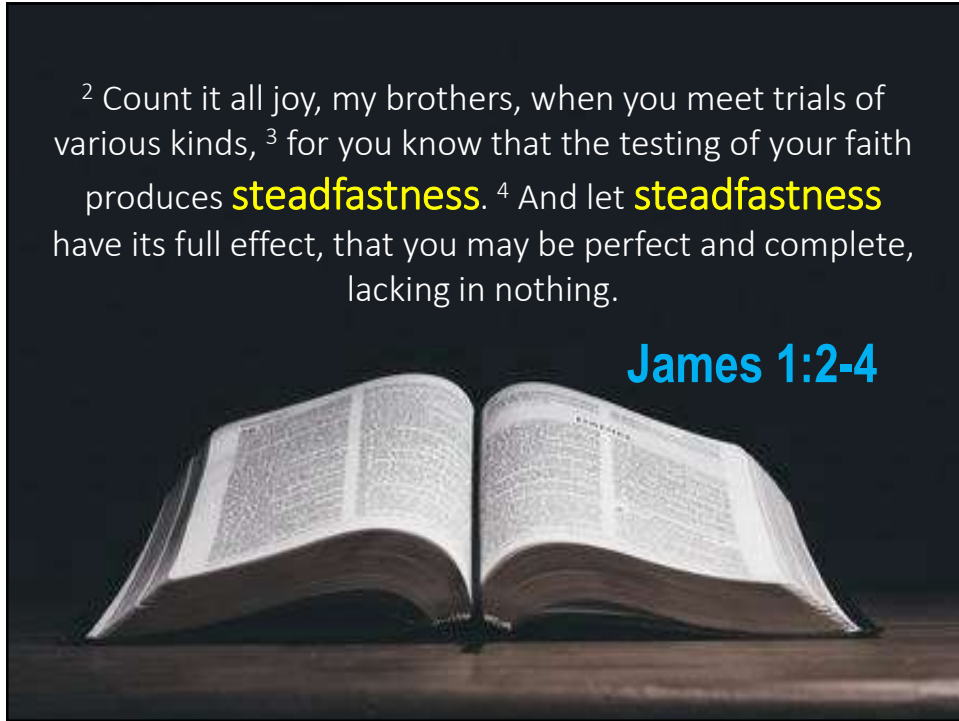
SO FAITH COMES FROM
HEARING, AND HEARING
THROUGH THE WORD OF
CHRIST.

ROMANS 10:17



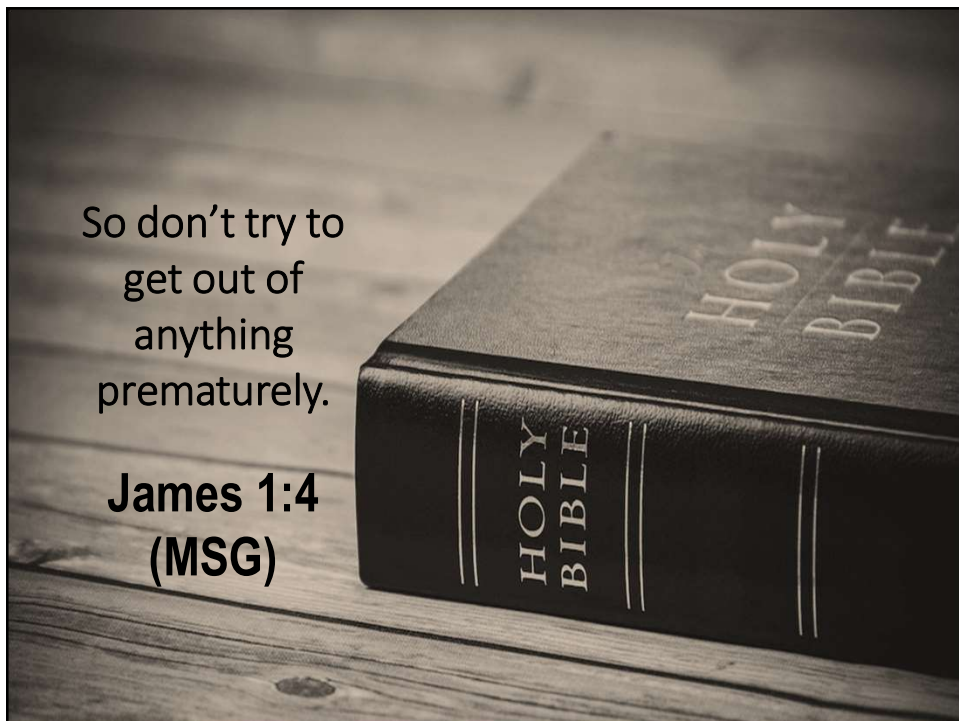
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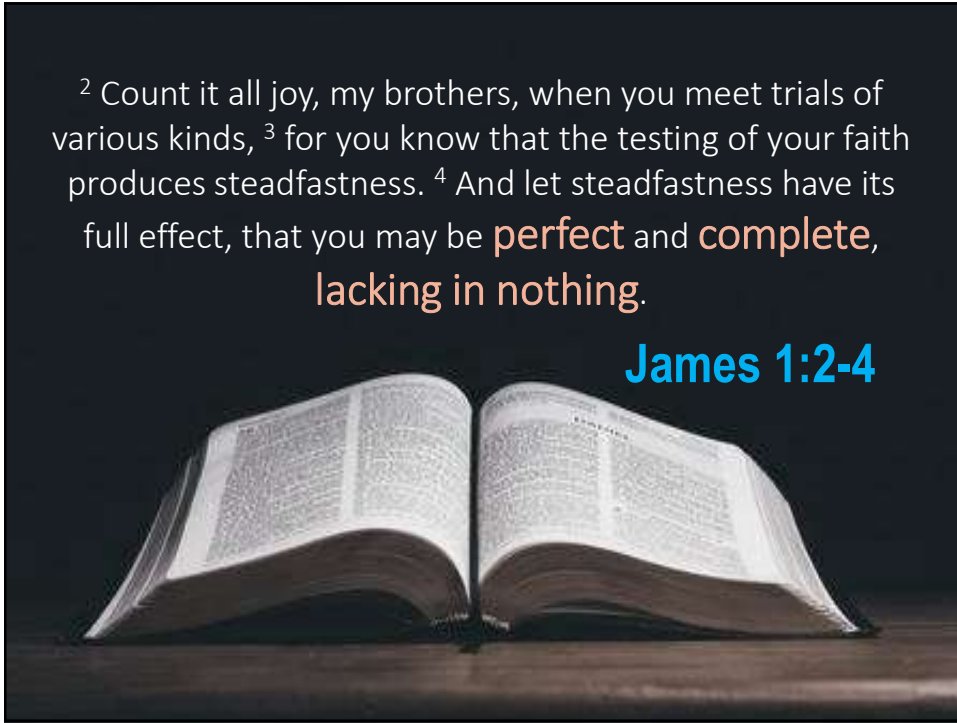
So don't try to
get out of
anything
prematurely.

**James 1:4
(MSG)**



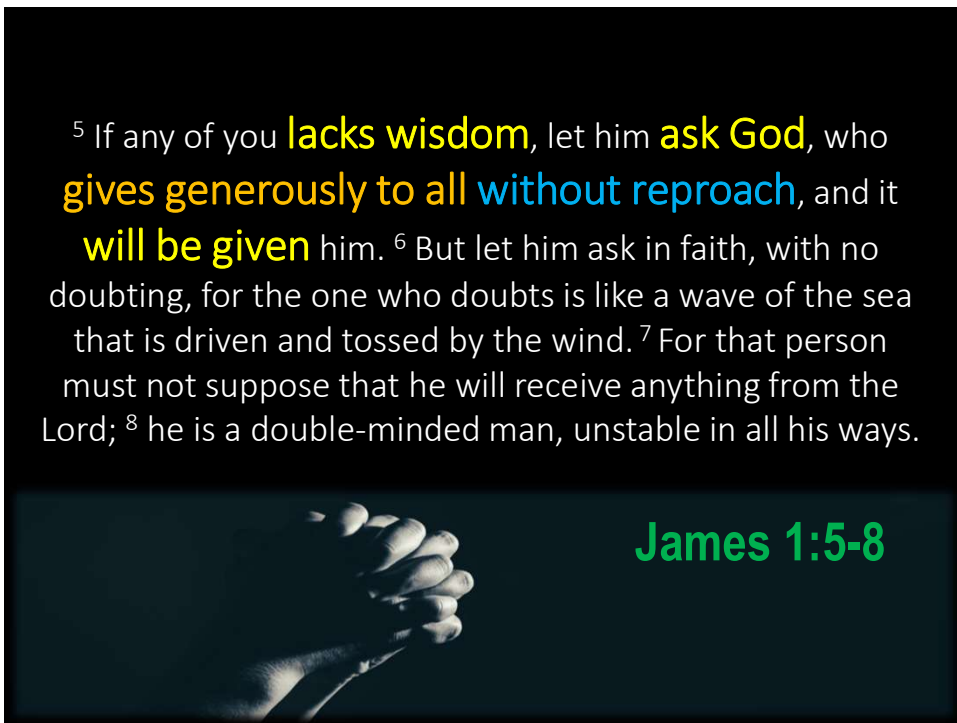
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James 1:2-4



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James 1:5-8



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James 1:5-8

If you chase two rabbits,
you will not catch either one

—Russian Proverb





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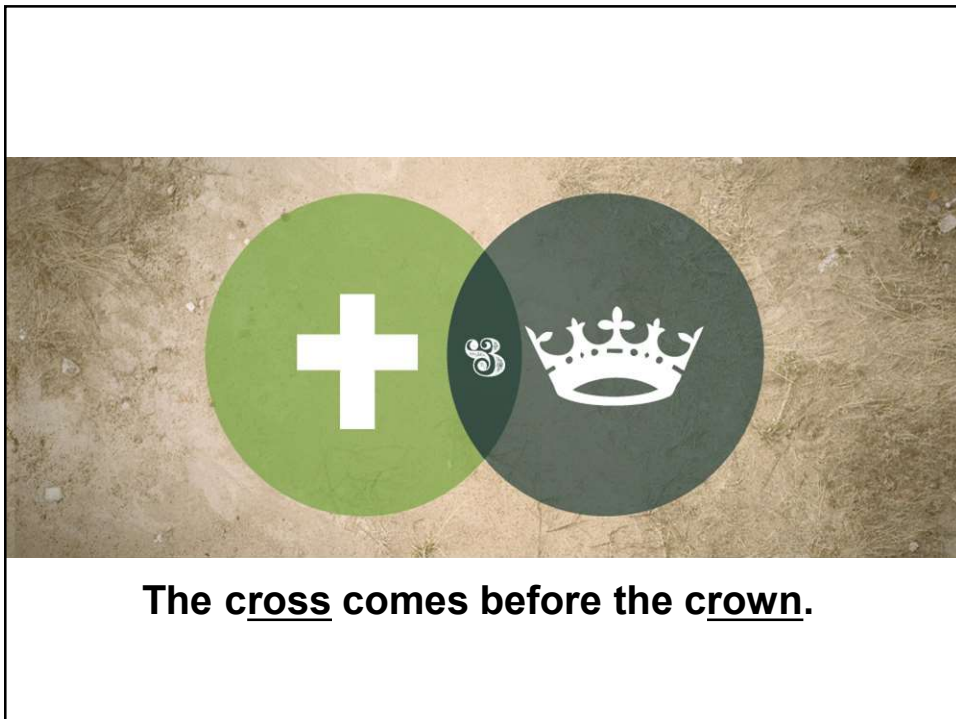
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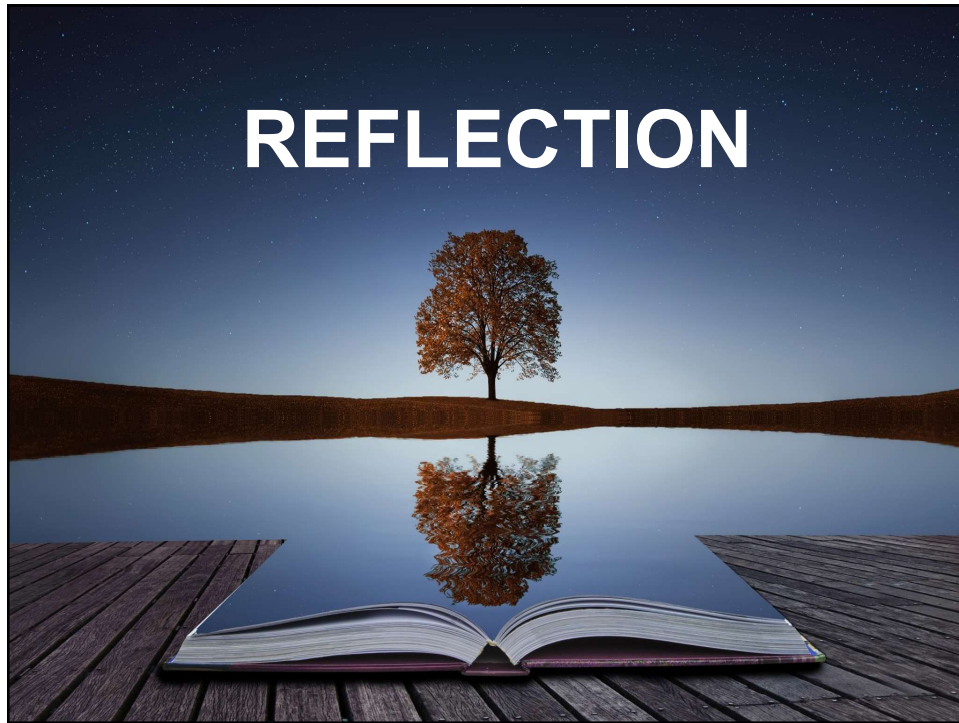
So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his **pursuits**.

¹² **Blessed** is the man who **remains steadfast** under trial, for when he has **stood the test** he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

James 1:9-12



The cross comes before the crown.



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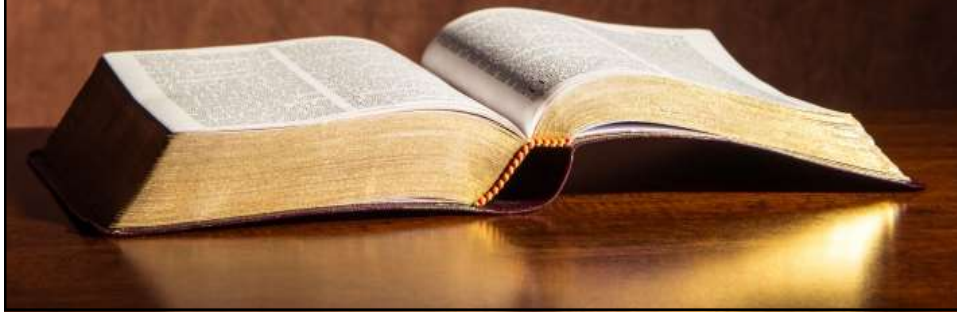
KEY WORD?

James 1:13-15



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TEMPTATION

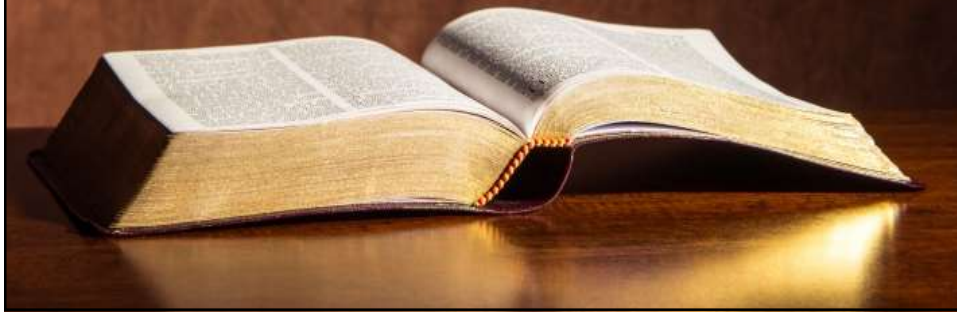
Sources of temptation

Steps from temptation

Solutions for temptation

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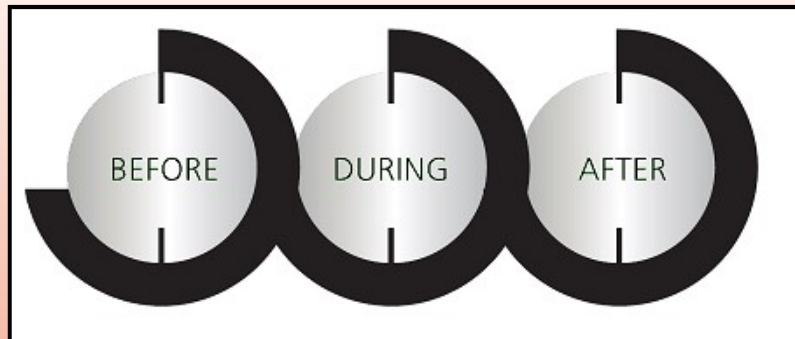
James 1:13-15



God tests us to bring out the **best** in us because He wants us to **grow**.

Satan tempts us to bring out the **worst** in us because He wants us to **sin**.



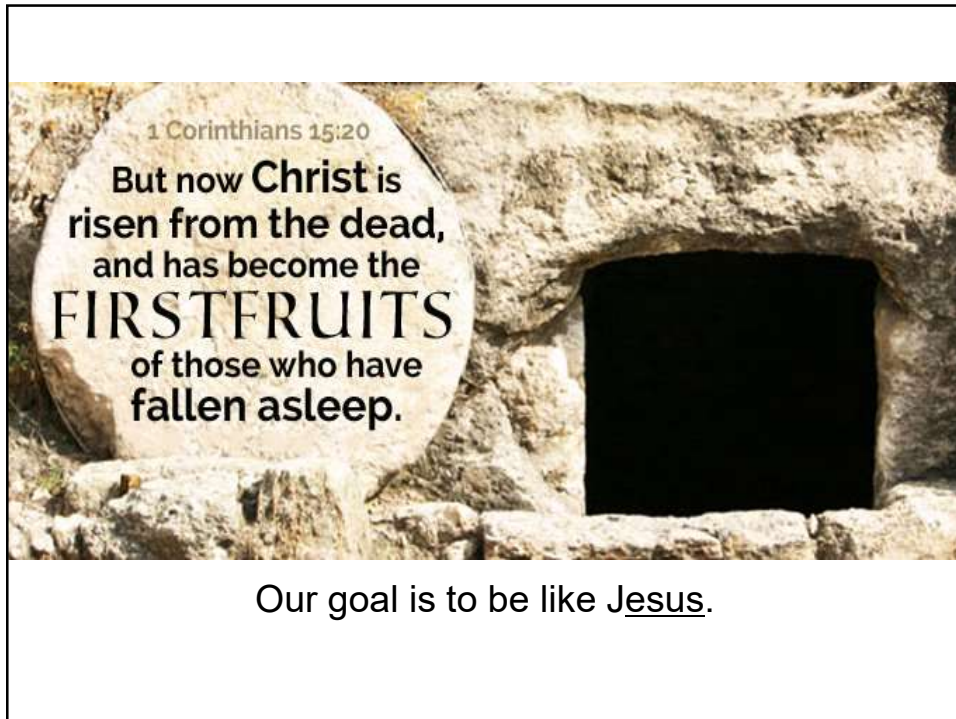


The motivation to overcome temptations
has to be love.

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James 1:16-18





1 Corinthians 15:20

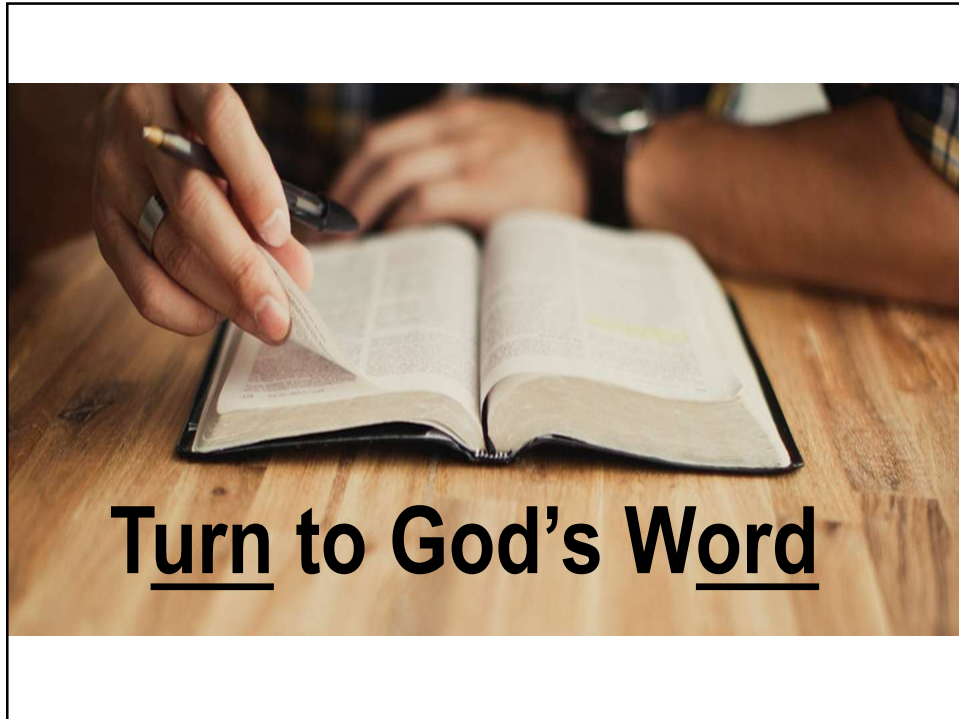
But now **Christ** is risen from the dead, and has become the **FIRSTFRUITS** of those who have fallen asleep.

Our goal is to be like Jesus.



Tune in to God

TUNING



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