



Series: James

A Faith That Works

Sermon Notes
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James 1:2-17

Trials and temptations do not originate from the same place,
but can happen _____. Both are a _____.

Trials are sent by _____.
Temptations originate from _____.

Trials test our _____ and _____.
Temptations attack our _____.

Trials are for our _____.
Temptations are for our _____.

In dealing with our _____ we have to look at _____
temptations. Luke 4:1-13

Satan shows up at your _____, makes _____ he will
not keep, and _____.

3 temptation truths
- The day you follow Christ is the day you _____.
- Temptation is _____.
- You are hit the hardest in _____.

Next Steps: What to do during the test
- Remain _____. v.12
- Don't take the _____. v.14
- Realize the _____. V.3

Community Group Questions

1. Read James 1:2-16 as a group. Life is full of trials, temptations, and suffering. How have the trials that you have experienced brought you closer to (or pushed you further away) from God?

2. What are the external trials and pressures that you are currently facing? How are they affecting your faith?

3. Read James 1:13-15. What are the internal temptations that pull you off course? How can we avoid the path of self-destruction that these lead us down?

4. Why is temptation not a "trial"? Why is a trial not "temptation"? Do you think you'll be able to tell the difference moving forward?

5. Would you be able to describe a recent time when a trial from God could be described as a good and perfect gift God has given to you as stated in vs. 17-18?

6. Is it important to your faith to know Jesus was tempted just like you are (see Luke 4) and endured? What would have been the chain reaction occurrences, if Jesus would have given in to one of Satan's temptations?

