



BIBLICAL BEHAVIOR
SETTING EXPECTATIONS FOR THE RACE
JAMES 1:1-11

Charlie Matz - Compass Bible Church - September 6, 2020

1. Embrace_____

(vv. 2-4)

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, who gives 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 that is driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. 9 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, 10 and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. 11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

2. Confidently_____

(vv. 5-7)

3. Stay_____

(vv. 9-11)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read James 1:2-4. How have you seen God grow your spiritual endurance through past trials? How can you have confidence that your next trial will result in spiritual endurance?
2. Read Hebrews 12:2-4. How does Jesus' example here encourage you? How might this passage help your prayer life during trials? (Hint, Jesus knows what you're going through.)
3. What's something new that you learned about wisdom from this week's message? How will this new information change your prayer life?
4. Read James 1:6-7. Have you ever doubted that God will supply what you ask for? How can you grow to ask your Father in heaven more confidently?
5. Are you tempted to put too much stock in your possessions or the balance in your bank account? If yes, then how? How can you shift your focus from those things to your eternal destination?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Elliot, Elisabeth. *Suffering Is Never For Nothing*. B&H Books, 2019
 Waston, Thomas. *All Things for Good*. Gideon House Books, 2015.
 Steer, Roger. *George Müller: Delighted in God*. Christian Focus, 2015.
 MacArthur, John. *Anxious For Nothing*. David C Cook, 2012.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that we would respond biblically to trials.
 Pray for our church to ask God for wisdom.
 Pray that we would have our focus on eternity and not the temporary things of this life.
 Pray that we would see people turning from their sin to trust in Christ before it is too late.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	N.T.	Gospels
9/7/2020	Proverbs 23-25	Psalms 105:34-38	Luke 18:1-8	2 Timothy 4:1-22
9/8/2020	Proverbs 26-29	Psalms 105:39-45	Luke 18:9-17	Titus 1:1-16
9/9/2020	Proverbs 30-31	Psalms 106:1-5	Luke 18:18-30	Titus 2:1-10
9/10/2020	Ecclesiastes 1-4	Psalms 106:6-15	Luke 18:31-43	Titus 2:10-15
9/11/2020	Ecclesiastes 5-8	Psalms 106:16-27	Luke 19:1-10	Titus 3:1-15
9/12/2020	Ecclesiastes 9-12	Psalms 106:28-39	Luke 19:11-27	Philemon