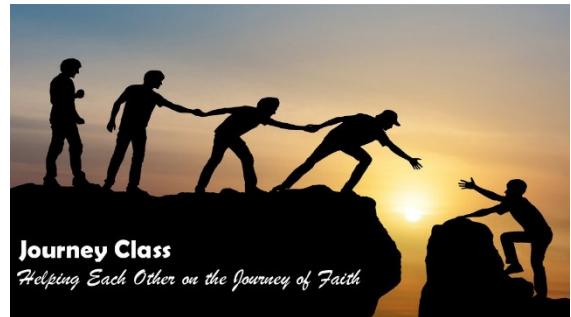


James – Growing Thru Trials

The book of James deals with the practical side of faith. In other words, what does a life lived in faith to Jesus look like?

James is pretty “in your face” – Talk is cheap, he argues, but service is invaluable. It is not that works save the believer, but that works are a mark the believer.



James writes about the benefits that could result from hardship and the importance of living genuine lives of faith.

Read James 1:1-11

How does this scripture encourage us to respond to trials?

James says that trials will test our faith, and give you patience. What does that mean to us?

Is there a way to gain wisdom as we face problems in life?

James says God enjoys giving us wisdom to weather the storms of life, but not to doubt when you ask God. Is it natural to doubt that God will answer your request? How do we move from doubt to trust?

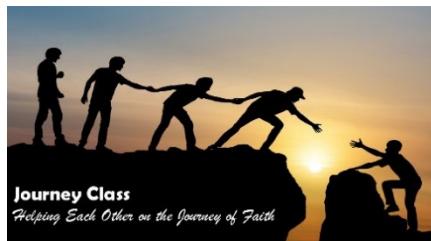
We all have “bumps” in the road of life. You know, unreasonable requests, traffic jams, long lines, too many things to do, unexpected demands... And how do we respond? Do we sing or do we just complain? There's nothing like a good bump (or bumps) in the road of life to reveal the real nature of our hearts.

Have you found that your relationship with God has changed as you have gone through the trials of life?

How can we find joy in our troubles?

God doesn't want us to worry about why troubles come; He wants us to prepare and trust Him when troubles DO come.

Prayers...



Being strong for each other

Closing Devotion:

Father, we come to you just as we are, struggling to cope with the trials of life. We're grateful that you never turn your back on us. You promise to give us the wisdom and strength we need to face each day. Continue to test us until our character shines and brings glory to you.