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James 1:1-18, Psalm 46, Ephesians 5:11, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 4:15

If you're a Christian by _____, you should be a Christian by _____.

Trials

James 1:2, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds."

1. "whenever" – spontaneous
2. "many" – numerous
3. "kinds" – various

3 reasons trials come:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Temptations

1. We all _____ tempted.
2. Temptation _____ come from God.
3. Temptation _____ to death.

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Sermon Talks:

1. What caught your attention in this week's sermon? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. What are some experiences you have had regarding trials?
 - How were you able to persevere?
 - Were you able to see the Lord working in the situation? Behind the scenes.
3. We talked about how trials come for three different reasons: maturation, correction, and direction.
 - How have trials matured you? Allowed you to grow in your faith.
 - How have you seen God's correction through trials that may have come through bad decisions? Sinful decisions.
 - Have you seen trials take you in a different direction that you anticipated?
4. How and why are you blessed when persevering under trials?
5. What resonated most with you regarding temptations?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13 and Ephesians 5:11.
 - What do these verses teach us about temptation?

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (James 1:1-18) and this week's message

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask God in order to grow in light of this?