

# May 1, 2022

Faith in Action

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**James 1:13-26, Ephesians 5:11, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 4:15, Psalm 68:5**

If you're a Christian by belief, you should be a Christian by behavior.

God is for you and wants to improve you

## **Trials**

3 reasons for trials:

1. Maturation
2. Correction
3. Direction

### **The Progression of Trials**

testing → perseverance → mature → complete

## **Temptations**

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ are tempted.
2. Temptation \_\_\_\_\_ come from God.
3. Temptation \_\_\_\_\_ to death.

### **The Progression of Temptations**

desires → enticement → sin → death

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1. Humble yourself by \_\_\_\_\_ to others. Communication is not just \_\_\_\_\_.

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2. Care for the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

### **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? If so, how.
3. What are the important distinctions James makes between trials and temptations?
4. What does Hebrews 4:15 tell us about the relationship between temptation and sin?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13 and Ephesians 5:11. What promise and action point does Paul encourage us with in regards to temptations?
6. Why should we be quick to hear and slow to speak?
  - How can this keep us from sin?
  - Why do you think James encourages us to be 'slow to speak' and 'slow to become angry' in the same sentence? Is there a commonality there?
  - Read Proverbs 12:15 and Proverbs 18:2. What do these verses say about the importance of listening?
7. Are you a hearer or a doer? What are some practical ways you can be a better doer?
8. Why does looking out for orphans and widows portray pure religion?

**Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (James 1:13-26) 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?