

# SERMON NOTES

June 4-5, 2022

## How Do I?: Get Through the Un-Get-Throughable"

### "Consider"

James 1:2

1. Trials \_\_\_\_\_.

James 1:22

2. Trials \_\_\_\_\_.

James 1:2-3

3. Trials \_\_\_\_\_.

John 9:2-3

4. Trials \_\_\_\_\_.

James 1: 2-4; Hebrews 12:1b-2

# Life Steps

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## Monday

James 1:1

**Reflect:** The "twelve tribes" believed when the Kingdom of God showed up, they would be united again. When have you felt God has not been present with you? How do you respond when everything in you wants to give up?

**Prayer:** God, make me aware of your presence in all of my life circumstances.

## Tuesday

James 1:1-2

**Reflect:** What response to trials and difficulties does James encourage? What is the joy that we can discover through trials? What is your key application from the weekend message?

**Prayer:** Lord God, help me to be joyful in all of my life circumstances

## Wednesday

James 1:1-2

**Reflect:** "Perseverance" comes from the words "remain" and "under." How can perseverance bring about character that is mature and complete? Where is God asking you to hang in there?

**Prayer:** Lord God, help me to persevere, to remain under the pressures of life and be shaped into a character that reflects who you are.

## Thursday

James 1:1-4

**Reflect:** What does it mean to be mature and complete? How does our view of trials and difficulties change if it is true that God cares more about our character than our circumstances?

**Prayer:** Lord God, use my trials and challenges to transform me into the person my family needs and believes me to be.

## Friday

James 1:12

**Reflect:** "Suffering takes people beneath the busyness of life and reminds them they are not who they thought they were." - Paul Tillich What is something you learned about God and about yourself during your last difficult circumstance?

**Prayer:** Lord God, use each daily trial, large and small, to teach me about you while showing me where I need to grow and get stronger.

## Saturday

Hebrews 12:1-2

**Reflect:** How did Jesus face his greatest challenge? How are followers of Jesus encouraged to face our own challenges?

**Prayer:** Lord God, fix my eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith.

## Sunday

James 1:1-4

**Reflect:** Review your message notes. "Consider" the four ways James wants us to see our trials. Stinking thinking can sabotage how we experience trials and challenges. Of the four, where are you "winning" and where are you "losing?" What are your next steps?

**Prayer:** Lord God, help me to consider it pure joy when I face trials of many kinds.