

## The Truth About Trouble

Take Home Sheet  
James 1:2-5

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Read James 1:2-5, 12-13.

1. Share some times in your life that you would definitely describe as trials. How are you different now as a result?
2. Read Matthew 13:20-21. Some people are strengthened by trials. It causes other people to give up their faith. What do you think is the difference?
3. What would be the advantages of a life without adversity? What would be the disadvantages?
4. Define "perseverance." Who are some Biblical examples that showed perseverance? Why is it so important? When in your life have you needed to persevere?
5. What do you think James means when he describes a person who is, "mature and complete, lacking in nothing?" How is this possible in this life? Can you have enough for a moment? A day? A week?
6. What would change if we saw people as Jesus saw them? What would change if we saw trials as God sees them?
7. Use your concordance, and look up some of the verses where God speaks to us about wisdom. What do you see?
8. How do you know if you lack wisdom?
9. If you could look at the trial you are going through right now as God sees it, what might you see?
10. Is there something you should stop doing?
11. Is there help you should be accepting?
12. Is there a vision of the future you can cling to?
13. Read 1 Cor 9:24. What is the prize Paul is speaking of?

14. Read 2 Tim 4:7,8 What needs to happen in your life for you to be able to say this?