

**James: A Fruitful Faith**  
**The Gift Hidden in Trials**



James 1:9-12

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We are \_\_\_\_\_... but the \_\_\_\_\_

Turn your \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ places

\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ places

\_\_\_\_\_ don't last

\_\_\_\_\_ leads to \_\_\_\_\_

**Take some time to think about these questions...**

1. Read James 1:9-10. How do these verses challenge your thinking about success, stature, or hardship?
2. James reminds us that material things don't last. How does keeping eternity in mind change the way you view your possessions or your achievements?
3. What has a recent trial in your life shown you about your priorities or reliance on God?
4. Verse 12 promises a reward for those who endure trials. How does the idea of eternal reward encourage you to stay faithful when life is hard?
5. When you face testing or hardship, what is your natural reaction: complaining, discouragement, prayer, or something else? How can you cultivate a more God-centered response?
6. Do you tend to live in the future—waiting for things to improve—or in the present, letting God shape your attitude through current challenges? How can you practice staying present under pressure?
7. Do you tend to share your struggles publicly, seeking sympathy, or bear them quietly? How does James' teaching challenge or confirm your approach?
8. Instead of self-pity, James points to a life of service. How can your current trials give you an opportunity to serve others, even in small ways?