

A FAITH THAT HANDLES DIFFICULTIES

A Faith That Works When Life Doesn't– Part 1
 Responding to the Coronavirus Crisis
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“James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ: To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations. Greetings!” - James 1:1

“WHEN ALL KINDS of trials CROWD INTO YOUR LIVES, don't resent them AS INTRUDERS, but welcome them as friends! Realize they come TO TEST your faith, and TO PRODUCE in you the quality of endurance. But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed, and you will become a person of mature character and integrity with no weak spots.” - James 1:2-6 (Phillips)

I. 4 FACTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT DIFFICULTIES**1. PROBLEMS ARE _____.**

“WHEN all kinds of trials crowd into your lives...” - James 1:2a

2. PROBLEMS ARE VARIABLE.

“When ALL KINDS of trials crowd into your lives...” - James 1:2a

3. PROBLEMS ARE UNPREDICTABLE.

“When all kinds of trials CROWD INTO your lives...as INTRUDERS...” - James 1:2b

4. PROBLEMS ARE _____.

“Realize that they come...TO PRODUCE in you...” - James 1:3

II. 3 PURPOSES OF DIFFICULTIES James 1: 3-4**• PROBLEMS TEST MY FAITH.**

“Realize they come to test your faith ...” - James 1:3a (Ph)

• PROBLEMS DEVELOP MY _____.

“...and to produce in you the quality of endurance.” - James 1:3b (Ph)

• PROBLEMS MATURE MY CHARACTER.

Paul: “I don't care about my own life. The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me — to tell people the Good News about God's grace.” - Acts 20:24 (NCV)

“But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed and you will become a person of mature character and integrity with no weak spots!” - James 1:4 (Ph)

III. HOW SHOULD I RESPOND TO DIFFICULTIES?**1. REJOICE!**

We don't rejoice FOR the problem, but IN the problem.
 We know God can bring good out of bad!

“Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials...” - James 1:2 (NIV)

2. _____: ASK GOD FOR WISDOM

“If, in the process, any of you doesn't know how to meet any particular problem, you only have to ask God-who gives generously to all men without making them feel guilty - and you may be sure that the necessary wisdom will be given to you.”

- James 1:5 (Ph)

3. _____

But you must ask in sincere faith, without secret doubts.”

- James 1:6 (Ph)

4. REMEMBER THE GOD'S PROMISES: verse 12

“Blessed is the PERSON who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.” - James 1:12 (NIV)

1. Inevitable 2. Purposeful 3. Endurance 4. Request 5. Relax

面對困境的信心

在人生困境中活出真信心—第一部

應對新型冠狀病毒危機

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“神和主耶穌基督的僕人雅各，問候散居地的十二支派。” - 雅各書 1:1

“當各種試煉湧入你的生命，不要視之為入侵者，心存憤恨，卻要當作是朋友，歡迎它們。要明白到它們是為了考驗你的信心，並在你生命中培養堅忍的特質，但要讓這過程繼續，直至這份堅忍變得完全。你也將會成為一個品格成熟的人，並且正直無瑕。”

- 雅各書 1:2-6 (Phillips 意譯)

I. 要記住4個有關困境的事實

1. 困難是_____的

“當各種試煉湧入你的生命…”

- 雅各書 1:2上

2. 困難是變化多端的

“當各種試煉湧入你的生命…”

- 雅各書 1:2上

3. 困難是無法預料的

“當各種試煉湧入你的生命，不要視之為入侵者…” - 雅各書 1:2下

4. 困難是_____

“要明白到它們是為了…在你生命中培養…”

- 雅各書 1:3

II. 困境的3個目的 雅各書 1: 3-4

• 困難考驗我的信心

“要明白到它們是為了考驗你的信心 …” - 雅各書 1:3上 (Phillips 意譯)

• 困難使我更_____

“…並在你生命中培養堅忍的特質。” - 雅各書 1:3下 (Phillips 意譯)

• 困難使我的品格成熟

但是我不把自己的生命看為寶貴，為要跑盡我該跑的路程，完成從主耶穌所領受的服事工作，為神恩典的福音鄭重地做見證。

- 使徒行傳 20:24 (中文標準譯本)

“但要讓這過程繼續，直至這份堅忍變得完全。你也將會成為一個品格成熟的人，並且正直無瑕。” - 雅各書 1:4 (Phillips 意譯)

III. 我對困境應該怎樣回應？

1. 要喜樂！

我們喜樂不是因為這個困難，而是我們在這個困難中要喜樂！

“你們遇到患難，要把它當作是大得喜樂的機會。”

- 雅各書 1:2 (新普及譯本)

2. _____：向上帝祈求智慧

“如果在這過程中，你們有人不知道如何解決某個問題，你只需求問上帝，祂會慷慨賜予所有的人，卻不會使人感到內疚。你也可以肯定，祂必會賜給你所需的智慧。”

- 雅各書 1:5 (Phillips 意譯)

3. _____

但你必須誠心實意的求，不要暗中疑惑。 - 雅各書 1:6 (Phillips 意譯)

4. 緊記上帝的應許：第12節

“忍受試煉的人是蒙福的；因為他經過考驗以後，就要得到生命的冠冕，就是主應許給那些愛他之人的。” - 雅各書 1:12 (中文標準譯本)

1. 無可避免 2. 帶着目的 3. 堅忍 4. 請求 5. 放鬆