

Kailua Christian Church
Sunday Morning Worship Service
September 18, 2022

“How to Handle Your Trials”

James 1:1-12

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Scripture reading:

(James 1:1-12) NIV

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:
Greetings.

Trials and Temptations

²Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,^[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

⁹Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. ¹⁰But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wildflower. ¹¹For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls, and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.

¹²Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

INTRODUCTION: The Greek word for trials is peirasmos. Trials are external pressures, afflictions and adversities of various kinds that come upon us. When we become believers, God does not take all our trials away. He wants to use them to accomplish a great purpose in our lives.

How does God carry out His wonderful purpose in our lives as His children?

Not by shielding us from assault by the world, the flesh and the Devil.

Not by protecting us from frustrating circumstances.

Not by keeping us from troubles created by our own temperament and psychology.

Rather: By exposing us to all these things to overwhelm us with a sense of our own inadequacy and to drive us to cling to Him more closely. He wants to drive us out of self-confidence to trust totally in Him. Trials are inevitable in the life of every believer (not if, but when). They are right around the corner and are often encountered suddenly and unexpectedly.

We need to be prepared to handle them.

I. THE PROPER ATTITUDE TOWARD TRIALS (2-4)

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II. WHY WE SOMETIMES FAIL IN TIMES OF TRIAL (5-8)

1. (v. 5)
2. (vv. 6-8)

III. THE PROMISE TO THOSE WHO HANDLE TRIALS GOD'S WAY (12)

1. First Promise:
2. Second Promise:

CONCLUSION: Becoming an 'OPIHI Christian.

"And the God of all grace, who called you unto his eternal glory in Christ, after you have

suffered a little while, shall himself perfect, establish, strengthen you. To him be the dominion for ever and ever." (I Peter 5:10-11). END

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