

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 _____

"When ALL KINDS of trials crowd into your lives..."

James 1:2b

3. PROBLEMS ARE _____

"When all kinds of trials CROWD INTO your lives ... as INTRUDERS..."

James 1:2c

4. PROBLEMS ARE _____

"Realize that they come... TO PRODUCE in you..."

James 1:2d

II. 3 PURPOSES OF DIFFICULTIES James 1: 3-4

• PROBLEMS _____
"Realize they come to test your faith ..." James 1:3a (Ph)

• PROBLEMS _____
"...and to produce in you the quality of endurance."
James 1:3b (Ph)

• PROBLEMS _____
"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. _____
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 1:1 (NIV)

2. _____
"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 1.7 (Ph)

3. _____
But you must ask in sincere faith, without secret doubts."
James 1:8 (Ph)

4. _____
"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)