

# A Faith that is **TESTED**

## Part 2

### James 1:19-27

1. When walking through trials, remember that worldly **STATUS** is not the measure of spiritual **BLESSING**. (vv.9-11; Proverbs 11:28, 27:24; Ecclesiastes 5:15; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Matthew 6:19-20; Luke 12:15; 1 Timothy 6:17; Hebrews 13:5)
2. When walking through trials, **LOVE** God with all my heart and keep an **ETERNAL** perspective. (v.12; Matthew 24:13, 25:21,23; Romans 8:18; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; 2 Corinthians 4:18; 1 John 2:5; Hebrews 11:26; 1 Peter 5:4; 2 Timothy 4:8; Revelation 2:10)
3. When my fleshly desires entice me, I must spot the **BAIT** and **NOT TAKE IT!** (vv.13-15; 2 Samuel 11:2; Proverbs 14:12; Matthew 15:18-20; Romans 7:8-25; 2 Corinthians 10:5; 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Peter 2:14,18; James 4:7)
4. Let's never **ACCUSE** God of tempting us, but let's always **AFFIRM** the way **OUT** that He provides! (vv.13-15; Genesis 39:1-23; Psalm 1:1-2; Proverbs 4:14-15; Matthew 4:3-11, 7:24-27; Mark 14:38; 1 Corinthians 6:18, 10:13; Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 6:10-18; 2 Timothy 2:22)
5. Do not be misled into thinking that God is **AGAINST** me; He is **GOOD** and He is **FOR** me! (vv.16-18; Exodus 34:6; 1 Chronicles 16:34; Psalm 34:8, 56:9, 10:5, 94:18, 118:6; Habakkuk 1:13; Lamentations 3:22-23; Isaiah 6:3; Nahum 1:7; Mark 10:18; Romans 8:31)
6. There is no greater proof of God's goodness than the gift of **SALVATION** - not something we earn or deserve, but something God gives because of His **LOVE**. (v.18; John 3:16, 4:10; 17:17; Romans 5:8, 8:38-39, 10:17; 2 Corinthians 9:15; Ephesians 2:4-9; 1 John 4:8-10;



## ***Taking it further to help you THRIVE...***

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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, confused, or edified you?
2. Is temptation / being tempted a sin? What is the difference between temptation and sin?
3. Last Sunday we talked about the difference between *reacting* and *responding*. How does this apply/relate when it comes to facing temptation?
4. What are some stories of temptation in the Bible? Who were the characters, and how did each of them meet temptation? What were the results of how they met/handled temptation?
5. One Bible 'character' who was tempted was Jesus Himself! Matthew 4 describes how Satan tempted Jesus before He began his earthly ministry. Why was Jesus tempted? What do we learn from the account of His temptation?
6. 1 Corinthians 10:13 says that we all face the same kinds of temptations. Why then in the midst of battling a temptation does it 'feel' like we are all alone? How can we combat this 'feeling'?
7. 1 Corinthians 10:13 also says that with every temptation that comes our way, God provides a way out / a way of escape. Recall a specific time when God provided a way of escape for you. What was the temptation, and what was the way of escape? Did you take the way out, or did you give in to the temptation? What was the result?