



# LESSON 38: GROWING FAITH

Biblical Passages: James 1:2-4, 12-17

**Memory Verse:** James 1:12

“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

**Table Talk Question:**

Why does God allow believers to experience hardship and suffering?

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1. Trials test the \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith and build \_\_\_\_\_ (James 1:2–4, 12).
  2. God allows trials to \_\_\_\_\_ our faith, but never \_\_\_\_\_ us to do evil (James 1:13–15).
  3. God \_\_\_\_\_ even in the midst of our difficulties (James 1:16–17).
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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Given the chance to go through a trial or avoid it, what would you do and why?
- What have you learned about God and yourself through the trials you have faced?
- What are some ways to protect yourself against the many sources of temptation that you face each day?
- If every good thing comes from God, then why does God allow us to experience difficult times?

### “FOR FREE” THOUGHT

“Trials always change our relationship with God. Either they drive us to Him, or they drive us away from Him. The extent of our fear of Him and our awareness of His love for us determine in which direction we will move.”—*Jerry Bridges*