



# LESSON 38: GROWING FAITH

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

Memory Verses: James 1:12

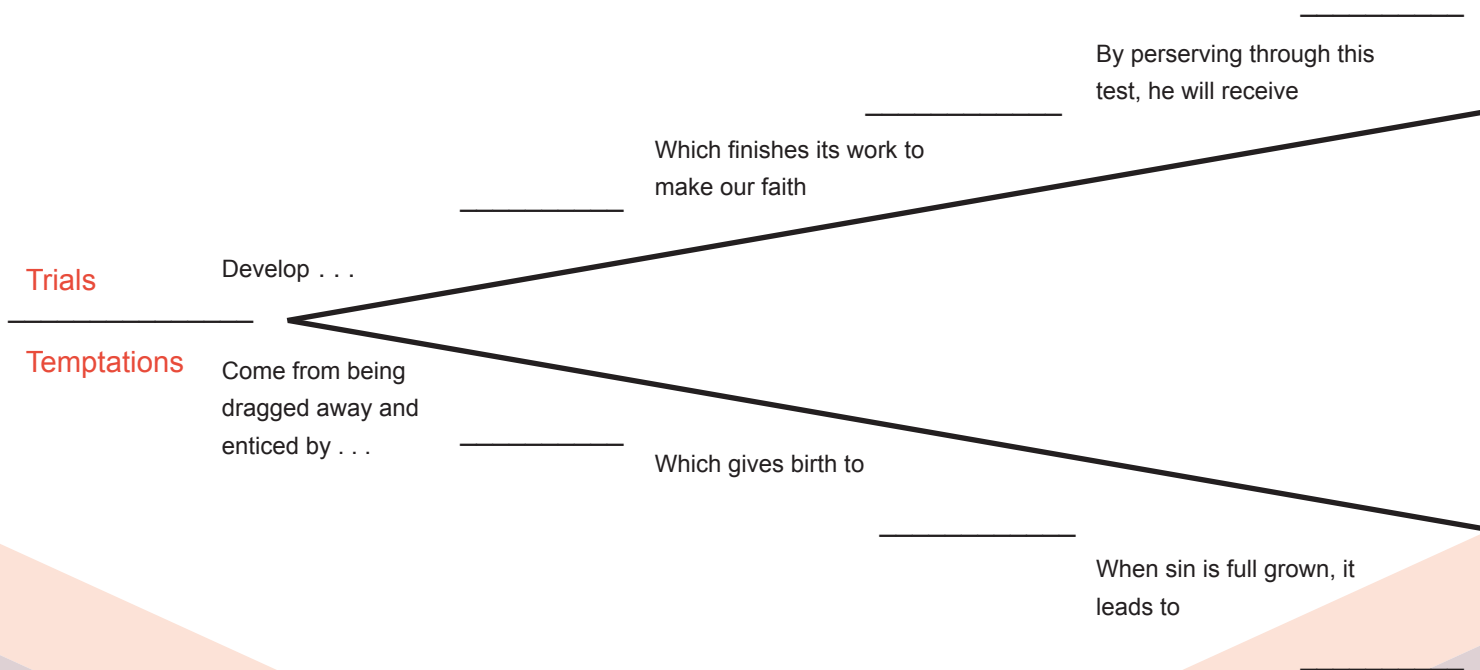
“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

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).

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are some trials and temptations that teenagers face today?
- Given the chance to go through a trial or avoid it, what would you do and why?
- Why is it hard to persevere through trials? To resist temptation?
- How can we begin to “find joy” in the trials and temptations that God allows us to face?

## LIFE CYCLE OF FAITH



### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT . . .

“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*