

First Words:

Where do trials come from?

1. Some trails come because we live in a _____ – **Job 5:7**
2. Some trials come from being _____ – **1 Peter 1:6&9**
3. Some trials come from _____ – **1 Peter 5:8**
4. Some trials come from Divine _____ – **Hebrews 12:5-11**
5. Some trials are because of our _____ – **James 1:13-15**

We develop a faith that works in tough times when:

A. We follow God's _____ for our tough times
James 1:2 - *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds*

1. The _____ – “consider it as fullest joy”
2. The _____ – “when” – 100% possibility
3. The _____ – “to fall around” or “be surrounded”
4. The _____ – “diversified outward tests”

B. We embrace God's _____ through our tough times
James 1:3-4 - *For you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

1. The _____ – “knowing” or “because we know”
2. The _____ – “the testing of your faith produces perseverance”

3. The _____ – “let perseverance have its perfect work”

4. The _____ – “that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing”

C. We seek God's _____ in our tough times
James 1:5-8 - *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.*

1. The _____ – “If anyone of you falls short in wisdom”
2. The _____ – “Let him request of God, the One giving to all without reservation and without reproaching”
3. The _____ – “But let him ask in faith, without two minds”
4. The _____ – “Let not that man think he will receive anything from the Lord”
5. The _____ – “He is a double-souled man, wobbling in all his ways.”

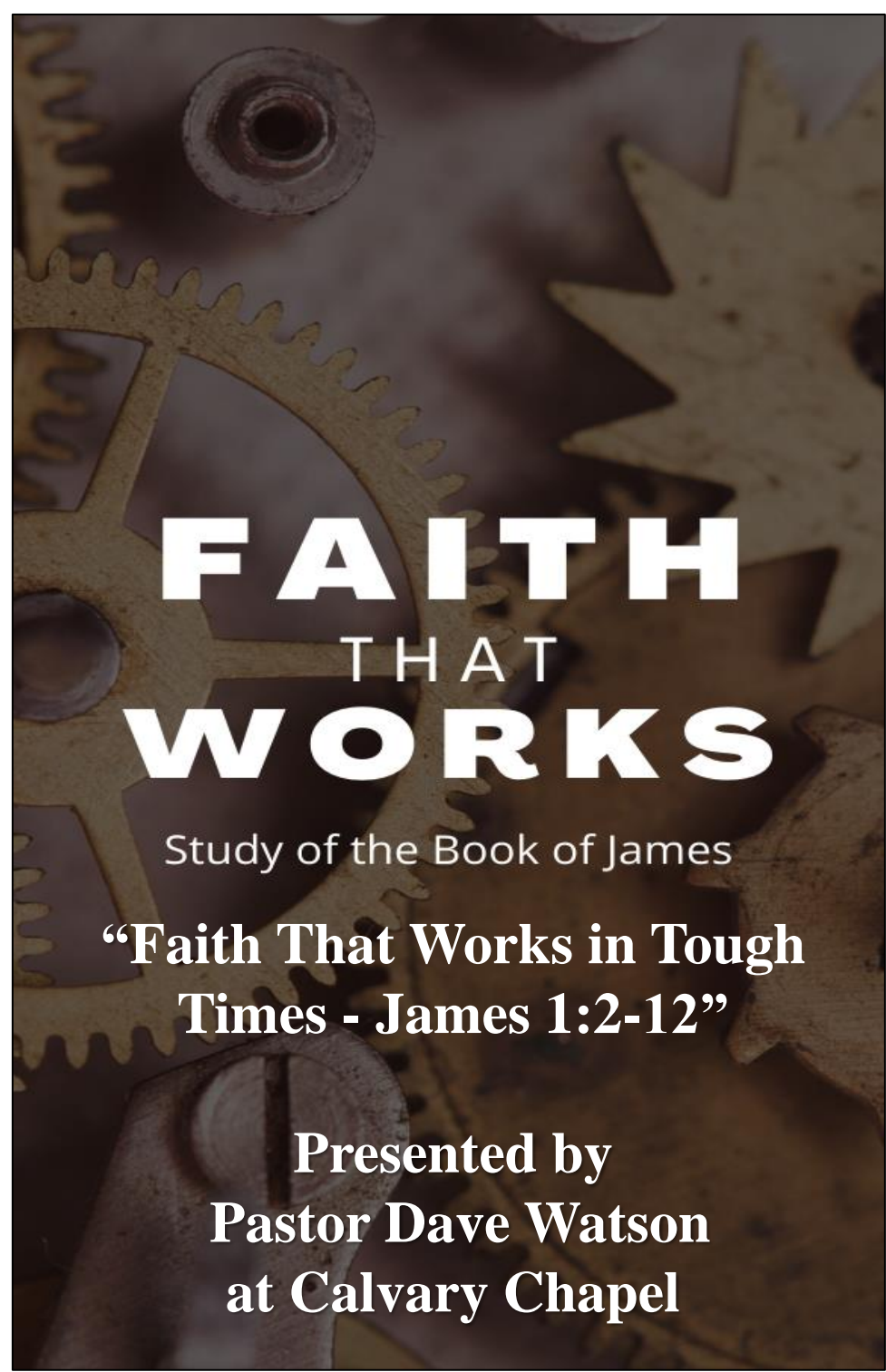
D. We accept God's _____ because of our tough times
James 1:9-11 - *Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰ and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹ For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.*

1. The _____ viewpoint – “rejoice in his exultation”
2. The _____ viewpoint – “rejoice in his humiliation”
3. The _____ viewpoint – “As the flower of the field....pass away”

E. We claim God’s _____ for after our tough times
***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. The blessing - “blessed” or “fortunate”
2. The behavior – “is the man who habitually bears up in trials”
3. The basis – “Having been approved by testing”
4. The bestowing - “He shall receive the crown which is life”
5. The benefit - “promised to those who love Him”

Subject /Grade	Following God’s prescription to rejoice in all trials	Embracing God’s purposes to endure & mature	Seeking God’s perspective for wisdom via prayer	Accepting God’s position in humility	Claiming God’s promise for those enduring
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Personal Trials					
Personal Finance					
Family Situations					
Health Problems					
Work Issues					



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“Faith That Works in Tough Times - James 1:2-12”

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