



Doer of the Word

Session 2



Lesson Review

- (1) faith (pistis) involves a consistent commitment to the belief that Jesus incarnated as the Messiah, without it faith becomes meaningless; (2) Genuine faith in results in the expression of works, such as faith produces patience; (3) believers will face holy trials to deepen our faith; and exegeting Scripture through keywords.
- In this week's lesson we'll build on how to face trials with proper attitudes and responses.
- 1) depending on God's wisdom in responding to temptations (Jas 1:5-8), (2) humility and surrender of will (1:9-11), handling temptation (vv. 12-15), considering God's goodness (vv.16-18), receiving and doing the Word (vv. 19-26), and practicing God's Word by avoiding favoritism (2:1-13).
- **Syllabus quick review, five-minute, illustrated sermon, sermon sign-up sheet**

Activity 1

Group Reflection-Breakout Session

Prompts:

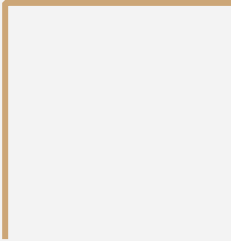
- What do the keywords tell you trials can accomplish in the life of a believer? Explain why, back up your response with Scripture.
- Oftentimes, theologians call temptations as holy trials. Does God allow or send trials? Why?

Jas 1:2-4 (KJV)

- My brethren, count it all **joy** when ye fall into **divers temptations**; ³ Knowing this, that the **trying** of your **faith worketh patience**. ⁴ But let patience have her **perfect work**, that ye may be **perfect** and entire, wanting nothing.

Tips for Scribes and Reporters

- Scribes should use templates to write responses.
- Scribes should share screen of template in their break out rooms.
- Italicize the Greek or Hebrew transliteration
- Reporter will present information from the shared screen in whole group.



Faith's Impact

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Activity 2

How to Title a Passage

- What did the text mean to the biblical audience?
- What theological principal does the text hold?
- Does the paragraph give any clues such as gener-to-specific, questions and answers, dialogue, purpose statement, means to accomplish something, actions (roles of people of God), or tone?

Title Examples

² My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; ³ Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. ⁴ But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (Jas 1:2-4)

1. What did the text mean to the biblical audience? (Jas 1:2-4)

Command to Respond to Trials of Faith with Joy

Command to Let Patience Have Her Perfect Work

2. What theological principal does the text hold?

God Tries Faith in Christ to Perfect It with Patience and Completeness

3. General-to-Specific

Patience in Trials of Faith Produces Christian Maturity

4. Purpose Statement (that, in order that, so that introduce a purpose statement)

That You May Be Perfect and Complete, Lacking Nothing

5. Means to Accomplish Something

God Accomplishes His Purposes Through Our Trials

Believers Must Practice Spiritual Toughness in Troubled Times

6. Actions: Roles of People or God

God Maturing His Children in Him and Growing Them into His Likeness

Context Definition

- An in-depth context definition fleshes out a full meaning.
- Includes relevant information from the chapter and book, cross-references the definition with supporting Scripture, and sometimes includes relevant background information.
- Scriptures builds meaning, precept-upon-precept, line-upon-line.

Group Work-Breakout Session

Title Passages

- Key words for this week focus on (1) wisdom (Jas 1:5-8); (2) lowly/rich (1:9-11); (3) Tempted/Temptation (vv. 12-15); (4) err/gift vv.16-18).
- Work together in four assigned groups. Assign a scribe to write, a reporter to share and a timekeeper to be mindful of time. Scribe will share screen and reporter will present response to prompt. See the following pages for group assignments.
- Title each paragraph.
- Write (1) the highlighted keyword + transliteration; (2) gloss definition + Strong's number, and (3) then the context definition. Then, answer the life application questions.

Activity 3

Scriptural Analysis

- Faith obeys
- Faith love
- Jas 1:19-26
- Jas 2:1-13

Group Work-Breakout Session

- Students should remain in their same four groups
- Groups 1 and 3: Jas 1:19-26 and Groups 2 and 4 Jas 2:1-13.
- Read the passage through carefully on your own highlighting the key words and underlining main ideas during the allotted time.
- Then, come together as a group and complete the following for your passage
- First, write the key words with their transliteration, Strong's number, gloss and context definitions.
- Remember the historical background of the text and keep your analysis in proper context.
- Second, provide at least three cross-reference scriptures (from other books in the Bible) that support your key words and understanding of the passage.
- Scribe records and the reporter presents information to whole group.

Circle Talk

Questions

- What role does God's Word play in our pursuit of Christlikeness?
- How does faith influence the Christ follower as a doer of the Word?
- What attitudes inspire faith?
- How does the believer respond to temptations?
- How can you have ears to hear God's Word this week and then do it?
- What pressure does culture put on us today to disobey or disregard God's Word?

Closing

- Homework
- **Questions**
- Prayer