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“What do you do when you don’t know what to do?”

James 1: 1-15

I. When Trials come, face them with joy.

A. Remember that suffering isn’t pointless

- Romans 8:18

“The evil and suffering in this world are greater than any of us can comprehend. But evil and suffering are not ultimate. God is. Satan, the great lover of evil and suffering, is not sovereign. God is.” - John Piper

- 1 Peter 1:6-7

B. Remember that suffering is a means of sanctification

- Romans 5:3-5

“A reason why the Lord afflicts His people is to test their endurance and train them in obedience. They are quite unable to produce obedience unless He Himself empowers them. But it pleases Him to illuminate and testify by clear proofs to those graces that He has bestowed on the saints, so that those graces don’t lie hidden and idle.” -John Calvin

C. You can rest in the fact that our joy isn’t found in earthly pleasures but in heavenly treasures.

- Matthew 6:19-20

II. When trials come, pray

A. We can have faith in God, because he is faithful

“God is true. His Word of Promise is sure. In all His relations with His people God is faithful. He may be safely relied upon. No one ever yet really trusted Him in vain. We find this precious truth expressed almost everywhere in the Scriptures, for His people need to know that faithfulness is an essential part of the Divine character. This is the basis of our confidence in Him.” A.W. Pink

B. Pray in Humility, remembering your salvation.

III. Remain Steadfast in Suffering.

A. Think of eternity

B. Remember Christ, the founder and perfecter of our Faith.

- Hebrews 12: 1

Four Promises of God in times of Suffering.

1. "God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:19
2. If you come to God with a heavy burden. He will give your rest.
3. All things work together for Good
4. If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is lord and believe in your heart that God raised his from the dead, you will be saved.

Gospel Definition- Conclusion.