

Consider It!

What trials or difficulties have you experienced in life?

How do we typically respond to difficult circumstances?

What assumptions do we make about God when we are experiencing trials? What doubts creep into our thoughts?

How should we respond to difficult circumstances (1:2)?

What are God's purposes in allowing us to be tested (1:3-6)?

What does it mean to persevere (1:3,4,12)?

How does doubt affect a person's prayer life (1:6-8)?

How have you benefited from going through difficulty?

What is the difference between temptation and sin? When does one begin and the other end (1:13-15)?

How does God help us in the face of temptation?

- Psalm 119:11
- Hebrews 4:15-16
- 1 Corinthians 10:13
- Titus 2:11-12
- 1 John 4:4

Live It!

I will trust God to help me by...

I will pray about my circumstances based on God's promise to...

When God Speaks!

"Booth, Tempted? God Is Faithful"

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

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So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (NIV)

Sermon Proposition

God Is Faithful, but You are Responsible when Tempted.

God Is Faithful. He Warns You.

So beware if you think it could never happen to you...

1 Corinthians 10:12 (TPT)

My Responsibility:

God Is Faithful. He Knows You.

We all experience times of testing, which is normal for every human being. But God will be faithful to you.

1 Corinthians 10:13a (TPT)

My Responsibility:

God Is Faithful. He Sets the Limits.

But God will be faithful to you. He will screen and filter the severity, nature, and timing of every test or trial you face so that you can bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13b (TPT)

My Responsibility:

God Is Faithful. He Provides a Way Out.

And each test is an opportunity to trust him more, for along with every trial God has provided for you a way of escape that will bring you out of it victoriously.

1 Corinthians 10:13c (TPT)

My Responsibility:

When God Speaks!
"Tempted and Tested"
James 1:2-18

Open It!

It has been said, "Your life is shaped less by what happens to you and more by how you respond to what happens to you." Do you agree? Why, or why not?

Read It!

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶ But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do. ⁹ Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. ¹⁰ But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. ¹¹ For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business. ¹² Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. ¹³ When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. ¹⁶ Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

James 1:2–18 (NIV)