

SERMON

DATE: Saturday/Sunday, August 18-19, 2018

SERIES TITLE: WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN NEEDS TO KNOW

SERMON TITLE: How to Deal with Trials

SCRIPTURE: James 1:1-4, 5:7-11

James 1:1-4

[1] James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings.

[2] 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.

James 5:7-11

[7] Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.

[8] You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

[9] Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

[10] Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

[11] As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

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1. Be realistic.

- Don't be naïve.

2. Pursue the right goal.

- Joy.
- Completion.

3. Practice perseverance.

- God has great goals for you.
 - ~ He wants you to be with Him and like Him.
 - ~ He wants you to be mature, complete and lacking in nothing.
 - ~ **2 Corinthians 4:16-18** *Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*
- Steps toward perseverance.
 - ~ Practice patience and endurance.
 - ~ Watch what you say – and think!
 - ~ Follow good examples.

4. Trust our good and compassionate God.

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Earlier in the week I wrote about having a sense of hope for the future for the growth of the kingdom. If you would like to read "[A Sense of Hope](http://waylonbailey.com)" go to waylonbailey.com. I think you will be encouraged to read a few wonderful things happening in our country and also around the world.

There are many reasons to have hope. I can sense the hunger of people for the light and for the truth.

Of course, the biggest reason for hope is what Christ has done. Our hope is in Him alone. He has done for us what we can't do for ourselves.

What can you do to help bring a lost world to Christ?

First, live holy lives. Many people want to know they don't have to live the way they always have. Your faithfulness to God and to His Word will encourage others and possibly pull them toward the church and Christ. I define holiness as "doing everything God wants and nothing He doesn't." Live in holiness.

Second, pray daily. Ask God to give you your neighborhood for Christ. Ask Him to open doors and show you the way. I often pray that God would open a door for me. Then I commit to Him that I will walk through that door.

Third, serve in the church. Find a place to minister. The church and your satisfaction will be greater when you are a server and a giver.

Fourth, give faithfully and sacrificially. Lay up treasure in heaven.

Finally, look for every opportunity to talk about our Savior. He is the hope of the world. People will not be saved and spend eternity in heaven without knowing Christ. Please help them to do so.