

**Mid-Week Bible Study – October 14, 2020**

**Topic:** Rejoicing in Trials

**Text:** James 1:1-8, 12-18, 5:7-12

**Introduction:** Now that we are equipped as prayer warriors, we turn to practical application of our spiritual gift of prayer. As humans' trials are inevitable. Being a Christian is like being a footballer that continues to be tackled by his/her opponents. As long as, we are in the field of play. It has been said, "It is not easy traveling the heavenly road. For many are the pangs on the way" As we grow in fellowship, deeper communion and spiritually toward the city of God, it is important to recognize the trials that are bound to come. We shall learn in this study how we can proactively handle those difficult experiences when they occur. We all hunger and thirst for sweet communion with God and forever be an overcomer in daily living. Trials cannot stop us, with prayer and faith in God.

Discussion Questions:

1. Trials involve unpleasant situations or discomfort. How do people react when they experience trials? James 5:7-12; Matthew 10:17-20; John 16:33.
2. As a father does not do anything that will injure his child, so our loving God does not put temptations in the way of Christians. Explain the things that actually tempt us? James 1:13-15; I John 2:15-16.
3. Wisdom is needed to handle trials. How can you get this wisdom? James 1:1-12; Proverbs 9:10; I Peter 5:9.
4. God encourages us to rejoice at the trail of our faith. Why will you be happy when you experience difficulties? James 1:3-4,12; I Peter 4:14, Revelation 3:19

**Summary:** In prayer we ask God for things. In praise and worship, we return thanks for who He is, what He has done, and will do. Christian living out the word of God is bound to experience difficulties. These trials are not permitted by God to bring us down, rather it is to refine us like gold. To overcome them we need the word of God, wisdom, and patience. We will become stronger and established in faith. We will be an example to others. As we conclude today make a commitment to pray for victory over trials.

**Memory Verse:** *"Consider it pure joy my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds." James 1:2.*