

## “The Tools Needed When Trials Come”

James 1:1-8

“Living Out What Lies Within” – A Message Series in James

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**On life’s journey...** there are mountain tops and valleys, where we experience \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 16:33).

- Describe the last trial you went through. \_\_\_\_\_

**In the B.I.B.L.E., God has tools available...** to deal with our trials in a way that brings about \_\_\_\_\_! (2 Tim 3:16-17; 1 Jn 5:4; 1 Cor 15:57).

**These tools are found in our main text this morning:** James 1:1-8.

- **Tool #1:** A joyful \_\_\_\_\_ (V2; 1 Pet 1:1-8; Heb 12:2; Ro 14:17)
  - There’s a difference between happiness and joy.
  - The source of joy is \_\_\_\_\_ who you are and what you have in Him (1 Pet 1:1-8).

*Joy is the natural state of a citizen of the Kingdom of God (Ro 14:17)!*

- **Tool #2:** An understanding \_\_\_\_\_ (V3; 1 Cor 2:6-16; Ro 12:2)
  - The Biblical perspective regarding *dokimion* (“doh-KEE-me-on”) trials is that we would profit from them!
  - Being joyful in the midst of your trial = perseverance -> God’s promises coming to pass (Heb 10:30!)

- **Tool #3:** A submissive \_\_\_\_\_ (V4; Isa 48:10; Mal 3:3; Dan 3:8-28)
  - We must choose to remain in the furnace! No more running; no more escaping.
  - Dan 3: Jesus is with you throughout your trial (Psa 118:6; 46:1-3; Isa 41:8-10)!

- **Tool #4:** A life of \_\_\_\_\_ (V5-8; Ro 10:17)
  - Why even ask God if you’re not going to believe, right?
  - If you’re saturated in the Word, faith is easy! You don’t even need to worry about doubting.

**“Well, thanks Pastor. This is great information. But how do I apply it in my life?”**

- 1. Thank God in (not for) your trial. This is a form of praise! (1 Thes 5:18; Eph 2:6)
- 2. Count your blessings. Your perspective creates your reality. (Ro 8:28; 2 Cor 9:8)
- 3. In the midst of your trial, serve others. Serve in the community... in a church ministry. (Eccl 11:4-6)

*How exactly would your life be different by applying these principles?*