

“When the Heat’s Turned Up”

James 1:2-8

1. A wise man once said: “If you can’t stand the heat, get out of the kitchen!” But what of those times when you can’t get out of the kitchen because YOU’RE the one in the oven
2. “If you can’t play ball with the big boys, don’t even step onto the court!!!” But what if during those times you can’t get off the court because...YOU’RE the ball?
3. When we were kids, it seemed there were a constant barrage of bruises, cuts, scrapes, slices, scratches and “owies” - something that adults get a chance to revisit if they have children. But as adults, it STILL HURTS when we fall - we have job struggles, family issues, people problems, financial woes and sometimes we just feel like one gigantic throbbing bruise or broken bone!
4. What James 1 teaches is that there are blessings in trial, and there are blessing to be found only after being in the flame! Note eight blessings we realize when we’re tried:

I. We _____ our time on _____ is _____

II. We learn that _____ that’s _____ is _____

III. His _____ is shown in our _____ and _____

IV. We _____ stronger by _____ and opposition

V. We _____ what our _____ are

VI. We _____ what our _____ are

VII. We _____ some _____ things about being
_____ with _____

VIII. We learn the _____ of _____