

Community Group Questions - James 1:13-18

1. Read James 1:13-18. What are the 2 commands in these verses? How does James want his readers to react to the temptations that often accompany trials? How does James want them to react when they see growth in righteousness because of the trial?
2. What does James' understand and say about God's character in these verses?
3. Are you able to identify places where you're tempted when trials come? Who helps you identify the real truth of God's character?
4. Describe the process by which sin works according to James. Why are prone to blame God for falling in our temptations or take credit for our good works?
5. How does the new birth affect the way we are tempted (V 18)?

A Song to Sing Together

VERSE 1

I don't deserve to be Your servant
And how much less to be Your child
Anger and wrath, sure condemnation
Should be my portion, my just reward
Never have seen it, never will know it
Your loving kindness enfolds my life

CHORUS

All You have shown me is
Grace, love and mercy
Now and forever I am Your child
Freely You pour out
Your loving kindness
Father of grace
You welcome me in

VERSE 2

All of the sin I have committed
Was placed upon Your righteous Son
And now You see me through His perfection
As if I'd never done any wrong
Always forgiven, always accepted
No fear of judgment before Your throne

Music Link:

<https://sovereigngracemusic.bandcamp.com/track/always-forgiven>

Prayer:

Pray for the ability to recognize our tendency to blame God instead of taking responsibility for our sin. May any sins that threaten one another's souls come to the light so that we can not be lead to death, but rather can enjoy their new birth.

Book:

The Enemy Within: Straight Talk about the Power and Defeat of Sin Paperback
by Kris Lundgaard
<https://www.amazon.com/Enemy-Within-Straight-about-Defeat/dp/0875522017>