

Where You Start is Not Where You Finish

James 1:12-15

Hard Happens

Will you depend on God when life gets hard?

1. Trust

2. Endure

3. Wrestle

Scripture Memory Verse

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

Sermons

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Malvern Hill
Baptist Church

February 1, 2026

Order of Worship

I've Got Joy

Christus Victor (Amen)

Scripture

Egypt

Sermon

Lord of Hosts

Battle Belongs



**NEXT STEPS
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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8
4:00 PM**

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WHAT IS THE REASON

for your hope?



OUR 2026 GOALS:
4,000 CHURCH INVITATIONS
1,000 GOSPEL CONVERSATIONS

Share your hope with someone today!

Invite them to church!

Let us know you did!



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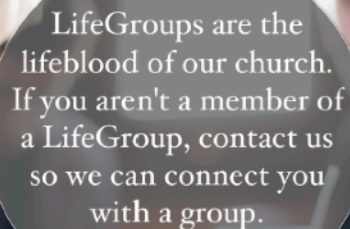
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\$1,212

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\$741,621.44



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James 1:12-15

1. Pressure doesn't determine the outcome—desire does. Where are you experiencing the greatest pressure right now, and what does it reveal about what's happening inside you? How do you typically respond when that pressure surfaces?

2. James distinguishes trials from temptations. God uses trials to strengthen faith. Temptations pull us toward sin. Why is it important to recognize the difference, and how does mislabeling temptation as hardship affect spiritual growth?

3. Endurance rarely feels like strength while it's being formed. What factors make perseverance most challenging for you—uncertainty, fear, fatigue, unanswered questions, or waiting? How have those challenges taken different shapes across various seasons of your life?

4. James teaches that temptation begins with desire, not circumstances alone. How does this truth reshape personal responsibility, and why do we instinctively look outward instead of inward when facing failure?

5. True repentance begins with ownership. What does it look like to “own” your sin instead of excusing it? Why is it easier to blame instead of owning our sin? How have you seen honesty bring freedom rather than shame?

6. Scripture teaches that grace flows through confession rather than concealment (1 John 1:8–9; Psalm 32). How do these passages challenge fear, and how does understanding conviction as restoration—not condemnation—change the way we respond to sin?

7. Struggle always has a direction—toward God or away from Him. What are you struggling with right now—and where is it leading you? What might it look like to take one step of ownership this week and trust God's grace?

Sharing the Gospel

Sunday Evenings
February 15—March 8
6:00-7:00 PM

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