

REFOCUSING YOUR FAITH

LESSON 1: PERSPECTIVE

TEXT: JAMES 1:1-12

INTRODUCTION: _____

- I. **JAMES WAS WRITTEN...** (v. 1)
 - A. BY JAMES, THE _____ OF JESUS AROUND AD 45.
 - I. HE WAS THE _____ OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM.
 - II. HE WAS A _____ GALILEAN JEW.
 - III. HE WAS A _____.
 - B. TO JEWISH CHRISTIANS LIVING OUTSIDE OF PALESTINE.

- II. **YOUR TESTS AND TRIALS HAVE A PURPOSE** (vv. 2-4)
 - A. THEY WILL SHOW IF YOUR FAITH IS _____.
 - B. THEY WILL TEACH YOU TO _____.
 - C. BE THANKFUL THAT _____ IN YOUR LIFE! (ROM 5:3-5)

- III. **YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO IT ALONE** (vv. 5-8)
 - A. GOD IS PRESENT AND _____ TO YOU DURING YOUR TRIAL.
 - B. GOD WILL GIVE YOU WHATEVER WISDOM YOU NEED. (PRO 2:3-6)
 - C. ASK HIM FOR WHATEVER HELP YOU NEED IN YOUR SITUATION.
 - I. IF YOU _____ FOR WISDOM, YOU _____ GET IT.
 - II. THERE IS _____ IN ADMITTING TO GOD THAT YOU NEED HELP.
 - D. WALK THROUGH YOUR TRIAL WITH BOLDNESS.
 - I. ASK _____ WITHOUT A DOUBT THAT HE WILL GIVE IT TO YOU. (MATT 7:7; MARK 11:24)
 - II. DOUBT WILL STEAL YOUR _____.
 - III. DOUBT WILL DROWN YOUR _____.

- IV. **LEARN TO SEE YOURSELF AS GOD SEES YOU.** (vv. 9-12)
 - A. YOU ARE NOT _____.
 - B. YOU ARE WORTH INFINITELY _____ THAN ANY POSSESSION.
 - C. YOUR POSSESSIONS ARE _____ TO GOD.

CONCLUSION: _____