

of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.” (James 1:22–25)

“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.” (James 4:17)

“If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.” (John 13:17)

4. THE _____ OF TRIALS

A. A Revealed _____

“If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man’s religion is vain.” (James 1:26)

“If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.” (Proverbs 24:10)

B. A Rigorous _____

“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the widows in their affliction.” (James 1:27a)

“As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, Especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:10)

C. A Removed _____

“...and to keep himself unspotted from the world.” (James 1:27b)

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.” (1 John 2:15–17)

CONCLUSION



FRESH ENCOUNTER

TRANSFORMING TRIALS

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Text: James 1:1–4

“James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. 2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” (James 1:1–4)

INTRODUCTION

1. THE _____ OF TRIALS

A. Face them with _____

“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations.” (James 1:2)

“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider

him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.” (Hebrews 12:2–3)

*“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.”
(Philippians 4:4)*

B. Face them with _____

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upraideth not; and it shall be given him.” (James 1:5)

“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

*“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God”
(Philippians 4:6)*

C. Face them with _____

“But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” (James 1:4)

“But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.” (James 1:6–8)

“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which Lord hath promised to them that love him.” (James 1:12)

2. THE _____ OF TRIALS

A. The _____ of Trials

“Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: But the rich in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth; so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.” (James 1:9–11)

“For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves are not wise.” (2 Corinthians 10:12)

B. The _____ of Trials

*“Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.”
(James 1:13)*

“But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.” (James 1:14–15)

C. The _____ of Trials

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” (James 1:17)

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he that said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” (Hebrews 13:5)

3. THE _____ OF TRIALS

A. We must _____

“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.” (James 1:19–20)

“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.” (2 Corinthians 10:5)

B. We must _____

“...swift to hear, slow to speak” (James 1:19b)

“...and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.” (James 1:21b)

*“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”
(Psalm 119:9–11)*

C. We must _____

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner