

Everyday Faith || Navigating Life's Storms

Group Notes

INTRODUCTION

Everyone faces trials. It has been said that you are either in a storm, you just came out of a storm, or you are about to head into a storm. Such is life. James says that trials can be a good thing because God uses them to grow us up to be more like Jesus. God uses trials to strengthen our faith.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. Do you have any tricks up your sleeve for those days that just seem to go all wrong?
2. What TV show are you interested in right now?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your message notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What do you need to trust God with right now?
2. Chad said, "We all start praying when the plane goes down." Praying can come more naturally during difficult times.
 - a. What is your prayer life like? Do you have any tips or routines that you use to help you pray?
3. Often, in times of trial, people either move toward God or away from God. Has there been a situation like that in your life? Explain.
4. Read [James 1:2-4](#)
 - a. What stands out to you?
 - b. Perseverance produces maturity. In what ways have you found this to be true in your life?
5. Saying the right thing when someone else is going through a hard time can be incredibly challenging.
 - a. Has anyone ever said something to you during a difficult time that was well-intended but hurtful?
 - b. When you face difficulty, what would you like your loved ones to tell you?
 - c. When you are struggling, what message do you believe God wants to communicate with you?

PRAYER

End your group time in prayer. You can use your own words or pray this prayer:

Jesus, thank you for surrounding us with people to do life with. Help us to love you and love people. For all of us going through a storm, will you bring us peace and comfort, will you give us guidance and wisdom. Help us walk with and talk to you in all areas of our lives. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Marriage and PreMarriage Course start the week of September 25th. To sign up or learn more: Marriage.sv.cc