

Embracing God's Will in Times of Trial

The Ultimate Triumph – Part 6

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James 1:2 (ESV) Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,

James 1:3-4 (ESV) for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

1. Trusting God's _____

Luke 22:35 (ESV) And he said to them, "When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing."

Luke 22:36 (ESV) He said to them, "But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one."

Luke 22:37-38 (ESV) For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors.' For what is written about me has its fulfillment." And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough."

2. Power of _____ in trial

Luke 22:39-40 (ESV) And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

Luke 22:41-42 (ESV) And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

Luke 22:43-44 (ESV) And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Luke 22:45-46 (ESV) And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

3. Facing betrayal with _____

Luke 22:47-48 (ESV) While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

Luke 22:49-51 (ESV) And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him.

Luke 22:52-53 (ESV) Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

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Intro. What kinds of trials are you currently facing?

How should you react to the trials you face in life (James 1:2)?

How is it possible to experience joy in the face of trials (James 1:3-4)?

1A. How was Jesus teaching His disciples to remember His past provision (Luke 22:35)?

1B. Why did Jesus change His instructions for His disciples for the future (Luke 22:36)?

1C. What was Jesus referring to that was about to be fulfilled (Luke 22:37-38)?

1D. How can looking to the past prepare you for the future when facing a trial?

2A. How does prayer prepare you to face trials (Luke 22:39-40)?

2B. What was Jesus' temptation in Luke 22:41-42?

2C. Why do you think that Jesus continued to pray even more earnestly (Luke 22:43-44)?

2D. What do we learn from the disciples about what not to do (Luke 22:45-46)?

2E. How can prayer help you defeat the temptation behind every trial?

3A. Why was the betrayal of Jesus by a kiss so demonic (Luke 22:47-48)?

3B. What was wrong with the response of the disciples (Luke 22:49-51)?

3C. Why did the Jewish leaders conspire to arrest Jesus at night (Luke 22:52-53)?

3D. How should you react to betrayal and hurt as trials in your life?