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Worship Service
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JAMES: Real Faith, Real Life

Lesson Three • James 1:5-8

Wisdom in Trials

Our Problem in the Trials of Life

Trials drive us beyond the normal RANGE of our insight and wisdom, and oftentimes reduce us to FOOLS in our thinking and decision-making.

Our Need in the Trials of Life

We desperately need WISDOM from God to persevere in trials until His good purpose is accomplished in our lives.

Getting Wisdom for the Trials of Life

1. ASK God for the Wisdom You Need!

What Is Wisdom?

Wisdom is looking at life from GOD'S perspective and then responding to life in light of God's perspective.

Reasons to Ask God for Wisdom

- God is GOOD: He gives wisdom to those who ask (vs. 5).

- God is GENEROUS: He gives wisdom generously to all Christians (vs. 5).

- God is GRACIOUS: He gives wisdom without reproach (vs. 5).

2. TRUST God for the Wisdom You Need!

Condition for Receiving Wisdom

- God responds to the one who asks in FAITH (vs. 6).

- God rejects the one who asks with DOUBT (vs. 6-7).

Description of the Doubter

The doubter is "DOUBLE-MINDED" with divided allegiances or loyalties, and this way of living makes the doubter "unstable" in all his ways (vs. 8).

Dilemma with Doubt

Doubt causes SEA-SICKNESS; therefore, anchor yourself to what you know to be true about God and His purpose for your trials.

God's Promise in the Trials of Life

If we SEEK God's wisdom in our trials, God promises to GIVE wisdom for our trials.

What to Pray in a Trial

- Thank God for His unwavering character and purpose.
- Ask God for wisdom in the trial and grace to persevere.
- Ask God to help you to hold on to what you know to be true.