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Worship Service  
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## JAMES: Real Faith, Real Life

Lesson Four • James 1:9-12

### Perspective in Trials

#### Perspective in the Trials of Life

To persevere in trials, we must adopt God's perspective on POVERTY and RICHES.

#### The Great Equalizer

Trials have a LEVELING effect on both the poor and rich.

The poor will be tested in their poverty and the rich will be tested in their wealth.

#### God's Perspective in the Trials of Life

### 1. Whether Rich or Poor, BOAST WISELY!

#### Boasting Wisely

- The poor should rejoice in their HIGH position in Christ; they have been exalted by the gospel (vs. 9).
- The rich should rejoice in their LOW position in Christ; they have been humbled by the gospel (vs. 10).

### 2. Whether Rich or Poor, THINK ETERNALLY!

#### Thinking Eternally

- The rich should remember that their riches on earth will eventually FADE AWAY in this life (vs. 11).
- The poor should remember that their riches in Christ cannot be TAKEN AWAY in this life (vs. 11).

### 3. Whether Rich or Poor, LIVE STEADFASTLY!

#### Question We Wonder

Is it really WORTH it to live steadfastly in the trials of life?

#### Answer We Need to Hear

Yes, it is worth it to live steadfastly because there is a great REWARD at the finish line (vs. 12).

#### Motivation in the Trials of Life

Our LOVE FOR GOD is our motivation to remain steadfast in trials.

#### Take-Away for Fathers

- What do you love more than the Lord? Are you motivated by a love for God or a love for self and this world?
- Make it your aim to elevate your affections for Jesus above all other affections, including family, career, hobbies, and the things of this world.
- Ask God to help you to boast wisely, think eternally, and live steadfastly knowing that there is a great reward at the finish line.