

The Steep Life
James 1:1-18

Trials and temptations are part of a Christian's life, and God intends both to deepen our faith and our dependence on Him, because He is always good.

- 1. God teaches us through James.** v1, Galatians 1:19,2:9
- 2. God is sovereign over our trials.** v2-12
 - a. They are training in perseverance.** v2-3, 2 Corinthians 1:9
 - b. They lead you towards perfection and completion.** v4, John 16:33
 - c. They serve a purpose that God will reveal to you.** v5, Psalm 129:2
 - d. They stabilize you.** v6-8, 1 Peter 1:6-7
 - e. They affect all different types of people.** v9-12, Galatians 3:27-29
- 3. God is not responsible for our temptation.** v13-15
 - a. It starts with deception.** v13-14, Romans 7:22-23
 - b. It grows into a desire.** v14, Matthew 15:18–19
 - c. It gives birth to disobedience** v15, 1Corinthians 10:13
 - d. It leads to death.** v15, Romans 6:23
- 4. God's goodness is shown by our salvation.** v16-18
 - a. It is unchanging** v17, Psalm 107:1
 - b. It is undeserved.** v18, Romans 3:20
 - c. It is unending.** v18, 1 John 5:4

John 16:33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”