

# WHEN WE EXPERIENCE HARD

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James 1:1-4

Consider the Source and the Prompt

1. The author is most likely the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The recipients are Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ who scattered because of \_\_\_\_\_.

When I Encounter Hard Circumstances, I need to know...

1. Hardship is not an \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Hard is not \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Hardship produces an \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Hardship demands \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. New dependence produces \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. New experiences of God's sufficiency \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Therefore, hardship is a \_\_\_\_\_.

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## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

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*These questions are designed to help you understand how God's Word applies to your life personally.*

1. Read James 1:1-4
2. What was encouraging or challenging to you from the sermon and/or scripture?
3. List the 5 or 6 trials that you recall as significant in your life.
4. For each trial, identify how that trial required a new level of dependence upon God.
5. For each trial, identify how you experienced God's sufficiency in new ways.
6. Is it possible that hardships sometimes cause people to walk away from their faith instead of increasing their faith? Why does that happen?
7. The text indicates that we are to consider it joy WHEN we face trials, not AFTER we face trials. What is the difference? Why is that significant?
8. Do you find it easier to see the good in the hardship others experience than you can see in your own hardship? Why do you think that is true?
9. What is keeping you from considering it all joy in your current hard?