James 1:1-18

The Truth About Troubles

How can you honestly have joy in the middle of trouble?

Background on the book of James:

God wants us to know that our problems are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ troubles that produce \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* Temporary troubles: suffering, trials, tests, temptation, economics
* Eternal character: joy, faith, endurance, wisdom, stability

Trials and troubles highlight the need for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (v5-8)

\*Wisdom = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Times of testing point us to eternal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (V9-18)

When troubles come:

* Realize problems \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for wisdom
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in God and His promised blessings

Growth Points:

* Pray for a person you know who is going through a tough time. How might you be an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
* Think about a tough time you went through. What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ does God want to work out of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you faced? What was God planting in you that you dare not forget?