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Week 1

**SUFFERING SUCCESSFULLY**

James 1:1-12

Today we start a new series in the book of James. Before we get into today's topic, let's get a little background. The author of James is the \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus. He describes himself as a \_\_\_\_\_. He writes to believers but everyone, no matter where they are in their spiritual journey, can \_\_\_\_\_ from his advice.

**I. ACCEPT SUFFERING AS E \_\_\_\_\_: VS:2**

- A. Train your children to expect trials.
- B. Troubles not only come but they come in different ways.

**II. APPROPRIATE AN ATTITUDE OF J \_\_\_\_\_: VS:2b-4**

Three suggestions to appropriate this attitude:

- A. Try to see the big \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Look actively for the \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Use your suffering to \_\_\_\_\_ others. (2 Cor. 1:3-4)

**III. APPLY AN UNDERSTANDING M \_\_\_\_\_: VS:5-7**

- A. Knowledge is the \_\_\_\_\_ of facts.,  
wisdom is the practical \_\_\_\_\_ of facts.
- B. God gives wisdom \_\_\_\_\_ and without finding \_\_\_\_\_.

**IV. ANTICIPATE THE REWARD THAT IS P \_\_\_\_\_:**

- A. A reward that is for the here and now and the here-after. John 10:10, Rev. 21:4
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ is inevitable, \_\_\_\_\_ is optional.

**James 1:1-7, 12**

From James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ: Greetings to all God's people scattered over the whole world.

<sup>2</sup>My friends, when all kinds of trials come, be full of joy, <sup>3</sup>for you know that when you succeed in facing such trials, your endurance has a chance to grow. And when your endurance is fully developed, then you will be strong in character and ready for anything.<sup>4</sup>But if any of you lack wisdom, you should ask God, who gives it generously without finding fault. <sup>5</sup>Now when you ask, don't doubt. A person who doubts is like a wave that is blown by the wind and tossed by the sea. <sup>7</sup>That person shouldn't expect to receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup>A doubter can't make up their minds and they waver back and forth in everything they do.

<sup>12</sup>God will bless those who remain faithful under trial, because when they pass test, they will receive as their reward the life which God has promised to those who love him.