

# ACTION - Action in Trials

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## Conversation Guide:

- ◆ Read **James 1:2-4**. What experience have you had with trials producing endurance? Share with the group how this has shaped your faith.
- ◆ As you read through the following verses together, be thinking about how trials, though difficult, can be beneficial. Ask God to give you a new perspective.
- ◆ Read **Hebrews 9:11-15**. Who do we serve? The easy answer is God. But think more deeply about this. Who is God? Why is it important to remember who God is?
- ◆ Read **James 1:2** and **Hebrews 12:2**. Pastor Derwin said we will have joy if we trust the process. What is the process? What is the end result? Does knowing the end result help you to have joy?
- ◆ In **James 1:2**, James refers to “brothers and sisters.” Who are your brothers and sisters? Do you feel close to them? How can you cultivate more intimate relationships with them? Share a time when a brother or sister was there for you during a trial and how it helped to have them close.
- ◆ Read **James 1:2-3**. One of the reasons James had joy was because he knew his Father was working in the midst of his trials. This is God’s sovereignty, meaning God is the supreme authority, and everything is under His control. Do you find this concept comforting? How does this affect your view of trials?
- ◆ Read **James 1:4** and **Galatians 4:19**. The primary purpose of our trials is for God to form us into the image of Jesus. Think about your past trials. How have these formed the image of Jesus in you? What changes occurred in your faith?

**Soul-tattoo:** Prayerfully read the book of James this week.