

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

**SUNDAY 8/29/21**

**James 1: 9-18**

**Faith Works**

**When Life Stays Hard...**

**SERMON OUTLINE**

- 1) Boast about my future reality.
- 2) Endure for the promised blessing.
- 3) Recognize the danger of sin within the trial.
- 4) Pursue God for His good gifts.

**Big Idea: When Life Stays Hard, Faith Causes Surprising Heaven Bound Reactions.**

## 1. REVIEW

1. **What does it mean for the lowly to boast in their exultation? What does it mean for the rich to boast in their humiliation? (vs. 9-11)**

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2. **What is the crown of life, the promised blessing, that is promised to us when we endure and believe? (v. 12)**

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3. **How does James characterize “temptation” in verses 13-15?**

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4. **What are the good gifts we can receive when we pursue God? (vs. 16-18)**

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## 2. ASSESS

1. **When life stays hard, faith can cause us to respond in four ways (see above). Which of those ways is your current “go-to” response? Which response is a struggle for you?**

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## 3. APPLY

1. **What trial are you currently facing that needs you to respond to it with faith? In which of the four way(s) is the Lord calling you to respond and what will this look like?**

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