



Faith - Family - Fellowship

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Contemporary Worship Service
October 5, 2025

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Communion Stewards

Teresa Strickland & Anna Speakman; Wayne & Carol Marchant
Bill & Claudia Persavich; Carol Beck & Danielle Reeves

Prayer of Transformation

Pastor: Please join me in today's Prayer of Transformation.

Lord, You call us to count it all joy when we face trials of many kinds.

People: Strengthen our faith, that we may endure and grow in maturity.

Pastor: You promise wisdom to those who ask without doubting.

People: We ask in faith—give us wisdom to walk in Your ways.

Pastor: Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial, for they will receive the crown of life.

People: Help us to endure, trusting in Your eternal reward.

Pastor: You do not tempt us, nor do You lead us into sin.

People: Deliver us from evil desires and make us holy in heart and mind.

Pastor: Every good and perfect gift comes from You, the Father of lights.

People: We praise You for Your goodness, Your consistency, and Your grace.

Pastor: You chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all You created.

People: Make us living reflections of Your truth, bearing fruit that honors Your name.

Pastor: In trials, in temptations, in every season—You are faithful.

People: We trust You, Lord. Transform us through Your Word and Spirit.

Pastor: So, wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

People: Jesus, I belong to you. I lift my heart to you. I set my mind on you. I fix my eyes on you. I offer my body to you, as a living sacrifice. Jesus, we belong to you. Praying in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Word of God - James 1:1-8

Life doesn't wait for us to feel ready. Trials come unannounced, and when they do, James invites us to respond not with panic—but with *joy*. That's not natural joy. It's spiritual joy rooted in the confidence that God is doing something deeper.

James reminds us that trials test our faith, and that testing produces perseverance. But perseverance isn't just about surviving—it's about becoming *mature and complete*, lacking nothing. God is shaping us through every storm.

And when we feel lost in the process? James says: *Ask for wisdom*. Not just knowledge, but divine insight. God gives generously—without shaming us for asking. But we must ask in faith, not with divided hearts. Doubt, James warns, makes us unstable, like waves tossed by the wind.

Now hear the word of God from the Contemporary English version, James chapter 1, verses 1 through 8.

From James, a servant of God and of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Greetings to the twelve tribes scattered all over the world.

My friends, be glad, even if you have a lot of trouble. You know you learn to endure by having your faith tested. But you must learn to endure everything, so you will be completely mature and not lacking in anything. If any of you need wisdom, you should ask God, and it will be given to you. God is generous and won't correct you for asking. But when you ask for something, you must have faith and not doubt. Anyone who doubts is like an ocean wave tossed around in a storm. If you are that kind of person, you can't make up your mind, and you surely can't be trusted. So don't expect the Lord to give you anything at all.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Word of God - James 1:12-18

Life tests us. Temptation whispers. But James reminds us that blessing comes to those who endure. The one who perseveres under trial will receive the **crown of life**—a reward not just for surviving, but for remaining faithful.

Temptation, James says, doesn't come from God. It begins with desire, grows into sin, and ends in death. That's a sobering progression. But it's also a call to vigilance: to guard our hearts and lean into God's strength.

And here's the hope: God doesn't change. He's not like shifting shadows. Every good and perfect gift comes from Him. He chose to give us new birth through the word of truth, making us a kind of **first fruits**—set apart, cherished, and called to reflect His nature.

Now hear the word of God, from the Contemporary English version, chapter 1, verses 12 through 18.

God will bless you, if you don't give up when your faith is being tested. He will reward you with a glorious life, just as he rewards everyone who loves him. Don't blame God when you are tempted! God cannot be tempted by evil, and he doesn't use evil to tempt others. We are tempted by our own desires that drag us off and trap us. Our desires make us sin, and when sin is finished with us, it leaves us dead. Don't be fooled, my dear friends. Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father who created all the lights in the heavens. He is always the same and never makes dark shadows by changing. He wanted us to be his own special people,^[a] and so he sent the true message to give us new birth. (Contemporary English Version)

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