



## **Week 4, Day 3**

### **READING:**

*This letter is from James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am writing to the “twelve tribes”—Jewish believers scattered abroad.*

*Greetings!*

*Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.*

### **James 1:1-2 (NLT)**

James is the brother of Jesus. He becomes convinced Jesus is the Son of God after Jesus resurrects from the grave. The New Testament Christians, including James, do not have difficulty believing in a good God even though their lives are difficult. James tells us that not only will difficulty come, but when it does come, to consider it pure joy. The verse implies that our trials will surprise us. What is your response? Do you normally resist difficulty or do you embrace it with the promise that God can do something good through the trial?

**FOR FURTHER STUDY:** Read [James 1:1-18](#).

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

What benefits do you see from remaining faithful during difficulties? What is the outcome from doubting and not remaining faithful through difficulties?