## The Book of James: Living Authentically "When Life is Hard" James 1:1-18 (CSB)

1. Learn to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the trials I am in for the \_\_\_\_\_\_ they produce. (James 1:2 CSB)

For every *complaint*, say three things I am *grateful* for. (James 1:3 CSB)

*Endurance* (ὑπομονή, hypomonē) = "*the power to stay*"

*The Choice*: Let my trials *shape my character* or let my trials *shatter my hope*. (James 1:4 CSB)

Perspective Shift: Trials are temporary tools for God's eternal purposes.

a. In trials, be *willing* to *ask* God for *wisdom*. (James 1:5 CSB)

*When God delays responding to prayer* it is because He is *expediting growth* in our character that can only occur through endurance!

- 2. Times of \_\_\_\_\_\_ often reveal areas of \_\_\_\_\_\_. (James 1:13-15 CSB)
  - a. Look for the *steady goodness* of God amid the *shifting circumstances* of life. (James 1:16-17 CSB)

Don't let *today's hardships* let you forget *yesterday's victories* or *tomorrow's promises*. (John 16:33 NLT)