

**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)

Joy is an unnatural reaction of **contentment** and **deep trust that God is in control**.

Either you let trials **shape you** or shatter you. (James 1:3-4 CSB)

In trials, be **willing** to **ask** God for **wisdom**.

2. Times of \_\_\_\_\_ often reveal areas of  
\_\_\_\_\_. (James 1:13-15 CSB)

Look for the **steadiness** of God in the **shifting circumstances** of life. (James 1:16-17 CSB)

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