

**The Book of James: Living Authentically
“When Life is Hard”
James 1:1-18 (CSB)**

- 1. Learn to appreciate the trials I am in for the purposes 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 difficulty often reveal areas of vulnerability.**
(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)