

**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)**

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 difficulty often reveal areas of vulnerability.**
(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.