

"I WASN'T READY"

Being Better Prepared

- Then here we go again - more trials & tough situations are coming - so we must learn to:

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Sinful Attitude

1- COUNT - vs. 2 - Accounting term
"WHEN" NOT "IF" - EXPECT TRIALS - "we are God's scattered" people not God's "sheltered" people - "shelter in place"
"FIRE" NOT "WALK"
"DIVERS" - diverse/various/multiple
Financial - "to evaluate" "VALUE" - What really matters!

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Understand Mind

2- KNOW - vs. 3 - What do Christians KNOW that makes the difference
- Trials, etc. have a purpose, a reason they are happening - NO CONSCIENCE!
- Tests are coming/unwanted mostly/but good... to help us, our faith, our development

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God works FOR us IN us THRU us

3- LET - vs. 4 - "God cannot build our character w/o our COOPERATION"
"perfect work" * finished product, not sinless perfection - Wierzbicki
* no halfway job
* complete work of developing maturity - from babe to young man to father - ISRAEL
"wrestling nothing" - lacking nothing, a complete believer w/a SUBMISSIVE WILL

Believing Heart

4- ASK - vs. 5/b - cp. ch. 4:1-3 and ch. 5:13-18, these folks had trouble w/ praying right
↳ WHAT? WISDOM
↳ HOW? IN FAITH - "double-minded" (NOT)
- Final Result - vs. 12 - BLESSED - HAPPY!! content settled satisfied

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Text - James 1:1-12

Intro. - "Ready, Set, Go" - what ICB hasn't heard that THEN, about the time someone is clearly beaten in a race, someone, usually the one losing, yells, "Wait, I wasn't ready!"
- NOT Ready, NOT Prepared - Do OVER, can we start over - "I WASN'T READY"

- There surely are a lot of things in life we are not ready for:

COVID-19
"WE WERE NOT READY"
- people
- states
- nations
- world

- College
- marriage
- children
- grandchildren
- "Death & Taxes" - Ben Franklin
- CANCER
- Heart Attack
- Trials/Temptations

- Not wanting some things to happen will not prevent them, we must prepare as best as we can, THEN apply God's Word to our situations.

- OUR TEXT - JAMES 1:1-12 - AUTHOR: JAMES, brother of Jesus who humbly calls himself "servant"
ADDRESSES Troubled Times
AUDIENCE: Christian Jews

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* The believers of James' day (12 Tribes scattered abroad) were not ready for what they faced either!
"Dispersion" "Diaspora"

- NOT always ONE thing or the SAME thing!