

In _____ We Trust

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SUMMARY

Summary. James 1: 2-3 says, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

In our more confident, faith-filled moments, we believe verses such as this. But then in an instant our lives change. Your position with the company has been eliminated, the cancer is back, you are handed divorce papers, the phone rings in the middle of the night and you are asked to come to the hospital. In times like this, what we believe to be true about God, the habits of our hearts, our responses and reactions, will determine whether these times will be faith building or faith killing.

NOTES

DISCUSSION POINTS

Below are the revelations/lessons that Karl learned about himself and God. Discuss how you have seen these played out in your own life.

- ❖ When we have something in our life that holds the place that God should be holding, when that "thing" becomes our security or our identity, God will often times find a way to remove it.
- ❖ When God gives you a directive, you can count on the fact that He has already considered every factor that must be considered. You will never follow God's leading and find out later that God must have been mistaken.
- ❖ God leads us through the land we most want to avoid in order to produce in us that which we most desperately need.
- ❖ In your darkness, don't miss the opportunity to get to know God better.

ON YOUR OWN

Scripture Verses:

1 Timothy 6: 17-19
Romans 8:28
James 1:2-3
Psalms 16:8
Psalm 27:1
Psalm 28:7

Psalms 32:8
Psalm 33:4
Psalm 37:5
Psalm 37:23-24
Psalm 56:3-4
Psalm 31:14-15a