

Doing Faith: Seeing Clearly in Tough Times

James 1:13-18

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1. Have you ever experienced a tough time? How have you been affected by these experiences?
2. In what ways have tough times distorted your perception of God and your circumstances? Have you ever responded to trials with anger toward God?
3. Read verse 13. Why is theology important when we're going through difficulties?
4. Why does it matter that God cannot be tempted by evil?
5. Read verses 14-15. Who is culpable when we make sinful choices? Who have you been tempted to blame your responses on? How do these verses contrast with our culture's victim mentality?
6. Read verses 16-18. What do you find when you take an inventory of the good things that God has given you? How can this affect our perspective?
7. What blessings are you taking for granted?
8. Do you appreciate your salvation as the greatest demonstration of God's goodwill toward you? Why do we tend to get distracted from this by our circumstances?
9. Read Romans 8:31-32. In what ways do you need to adjust your perspective on your tough times today?