

## IT'S ONLY A TEST

James 1:1-12

*"Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?"<sup>56</sup> "And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"  
Matthew 13:55-56*

*For not even His brothers were believing in Him. John 7:5*

*...then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; 1 Corinthians 15:7*

*... James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars....  
Galatians 2:9*

*After they had stopped speaking, James answered, saying, "Brethren, listen to me. ... Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders,  
Acts 15:13-22*

### (v. 1)

*But if the servant plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,'<sup>6</sup> then his master shall bring him to the judges. He shall also bring him to the door, or to the doorpost, and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him forever. Exodus 21:5-6*

### (v. 2)

*For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one. Hebrews 10:34*

### A Lesson In difficult times: \_\_\_\_\_

*No temptation (peirasmos) has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13*

**Trials (v. 2) are the \_\_\_\_\_ of my Faith**

**Trials \_\_\_\_\_ my Faith**  
*...yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the Word, immediately he falls away. Matthew 13:21*

**Trials \_\_\_\_\_ my Faith**

**Faith is not developed by \_\_\_\_\_**

**Faith is developed in \_\_\_\_\_ situations**

**Trials Get my \_\_\_\_\_**

*Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word.  
Psalms 119:67*

**(v. 4) Spiritual Maturity Defined: \_\_\_\_\_**

*And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;  
Romans 8:28-29*

*Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. John 6:68*

### (v. 5)

**Asking for Wisdom: Lord help \_\_\_\_\_ it**  
**as \_\_\_\_\_ it**

**My \_\_\_\_\_ today is my \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow**  
*(The) God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4*