

## Sunday, April 26 At Home Church

**A time to be thankful** – in the midst of a bizarre time, let's not forget to be thankful. Take a few minutes to share what you're thankful for right now.

What was one takeaway from Pastor Dave's message today?

A few background questions to help us in our understanding of James.

- Who wrote James? (James)
- Who did he write it to? (The church – all believers, the new Israel)

Read James 1 and as you read it, think of one word that sticks out to you.

What word stuck out to you as you read James 1?

Now let's dive a little deeper into our chapter.

Like with Philippians, I will share a few things and questions that stuck out to me from James 1 but please don't get stuck on just these questions. If other thoughts and questions stick out to you, discuss those as well. The goal is simply for us to learn from God's Word this morning and grow together, even while apart.

- Vs. 2-8, also 12: How is joy possible when facing trouble?
  - Why is perseverance such a crucial quality for a Christian?
  - When we ask God for wisdom, how does He answer us?
- Vs. 13-15, what is the process of temptation and sin?
  - So how do we defeat temptation? (See Matthew 4, 1 Corinthians 10:13)
- Vs. 19-21, Why is verse 19 so difficult to live out?
  - How is verse 21 an antidote, a battle plan for verses 19-20?

- Vs. 22-25, according to verse 22, we are not to just listen to the Word, we are also supposed to what?
  - What practical things can we do to make sure we are putting into practice what we hear or read or learn from God's Word?
  - Verse 25 tells us that this perfect law (God's Word) gives freedom. How does the Bible give freedom?

Close your time in prayer

CHALLENGE: Text or call at least 2 people (go for as many you want) this afternoon sometime and share with them one thing that you learned from Philippians 3 today. If you have social media, consider putting what you learned on there, as well.

## **"Making Difficult Decisions?"**

James 1:1-8, NIV84

*The quality of your life will largely be determined by the wisdom or foolishness of your decisions. Here are 2 questions that can help us find God's kind of wisdom.*

*"We make our decisions, but then our decisions make us!"* Pastor F.W. Boreman

### **John Bunyun's Choice: Stop preaching or ....**

#### **1. Are You \_\_\_\_\_ Or \_\_\_\_\_?**

- ◆ *The indecisive person needs to ask God for wisdom, and then come to a firm decision.*
- ◆ *The impulsive person needs to take more time and include God from the very first step.*
- ◆ *God promises to give clear guidance and wisdom to all of His children!*
- ◆ See James 1:2-5
- ◆ *Trials can be and should be faced with an attitude of joy, because there are several benefits that come through trials!*

*God will generously give us wisdom for all of the trials and difficult decisions in our lives.*

- ◆ See James 1:6-8
- ◆ *"The most miserable person in the world is the person who is habitually indecisive."*  
Psychologist, William James

#### **2. Are You Seeking \_\_\_\_\_ Wisdom, Or Trusting In Your \_\_\_\_\_?**

##### **The Bible Suggests These 4 Practical Steps:**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ **YOU NEED WISDOM.** *"If any of you lacks wisdom..."* James 1:5a
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ **GOD OFTEN FOR WISDOM.** *"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God."* James 1:5
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ **THE GIFT.**  
*"But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord."* James 1:6-7
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_ **THE GIVER.**  
*"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."* Proverbs 3:6
- ◆ See 1 John 5:14-15

### *Your Everlasting Love*

Your everlasting love is higher, higher, higher than the sky.  
Your everlasting love is higher, higher, higher than the sky,  
Higher than the sky.

Oh, the wonder of Your everlasting love  
Is higher than the sky.

Your everlasting love is deeper, deeper, deeper than the sea.  
Your everlasting love is deeper, deeper, deeper than the sea.  
Deeper than the sea.

Oh, the wonder of Your everlasting love  
Is deeper than the sea.

*Chorus:*

*Higher, than the heavens above  
Is the glory of Your wonderful love,  
I'm lost in the mystery of Your everlasting love,  
Your everlasting love.*

Your everlasting love is reaching, reaching,  
Reaching out to me.

Your everlasting love is reaching, reaching,  
Reaching out to me.

Reaching out to me.

Oh, the wonder of Your everlasting love  
Is reaching out to me.

(repeat chorus)

### *Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow,  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness,  
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
Still I will say:

*Chorus:*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your glorious name.*

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's all as it should be,  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering,  
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
Still I will say,

(repeat Chorus)

You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, Blessed be Your name.

(repeat)

(repeat Chorus)

## ***King Of My Heart***

Let the King of my heart  
Be the mountain where I run  
The fountain I drink from  
Oh, He is my song  
Let the King of my heart  
Be the shadow where I hide  
The ransom for my life  
Oh, He is my song

Chorus:

*You are good, good, oh-ohh*  
*You are good, good, oh-ohh*  
*You are good, good, oh-oh-ohh*  
*You are good, good, oh-ohh*

Let the King of my heart  
Be the wind inside my sails  
The anchor in the waves  
Oh, He is my song  
Let the King of my heart  
Be the fire inside my veins  
The echo of my days  
Oh he is my song  
(Repeat Chorus)

Bridge:

You're never gonna let  
Never gonna let me down  
You're never gonna let  
Never gonna let me down  
(Repeat)  
(Repeat Chorus)

## *It Is Well*

When Peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like seabillows roll  
What ever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

*Chorus:*

*It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

My sin O the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
(repeat Chorus)

And, Lord, haste the day  
When my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:  
The trump shall resound  
And the Lord shall descend,  
Even so - it is well with my soul.  
(repeat Chorus)

Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You.  
Through it all, through it all is well.  
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You, and it is well  
with me.  
So, let go my soul and trust in Him.  
The waves and wind still know His name.

### *What a Friend*

What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer

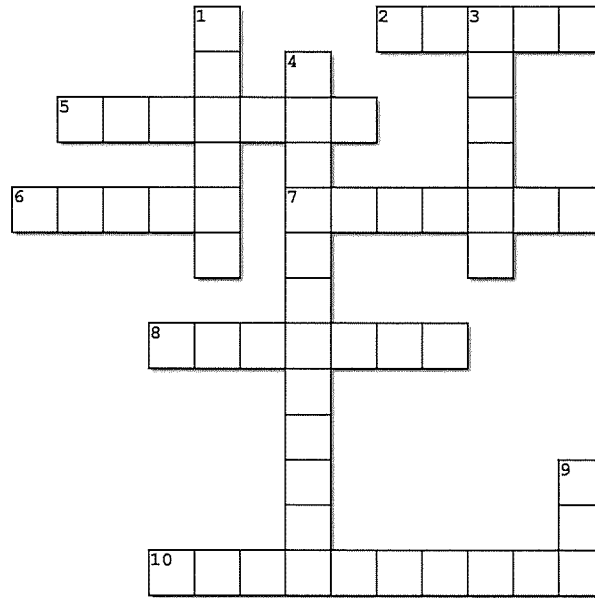
Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our Refuge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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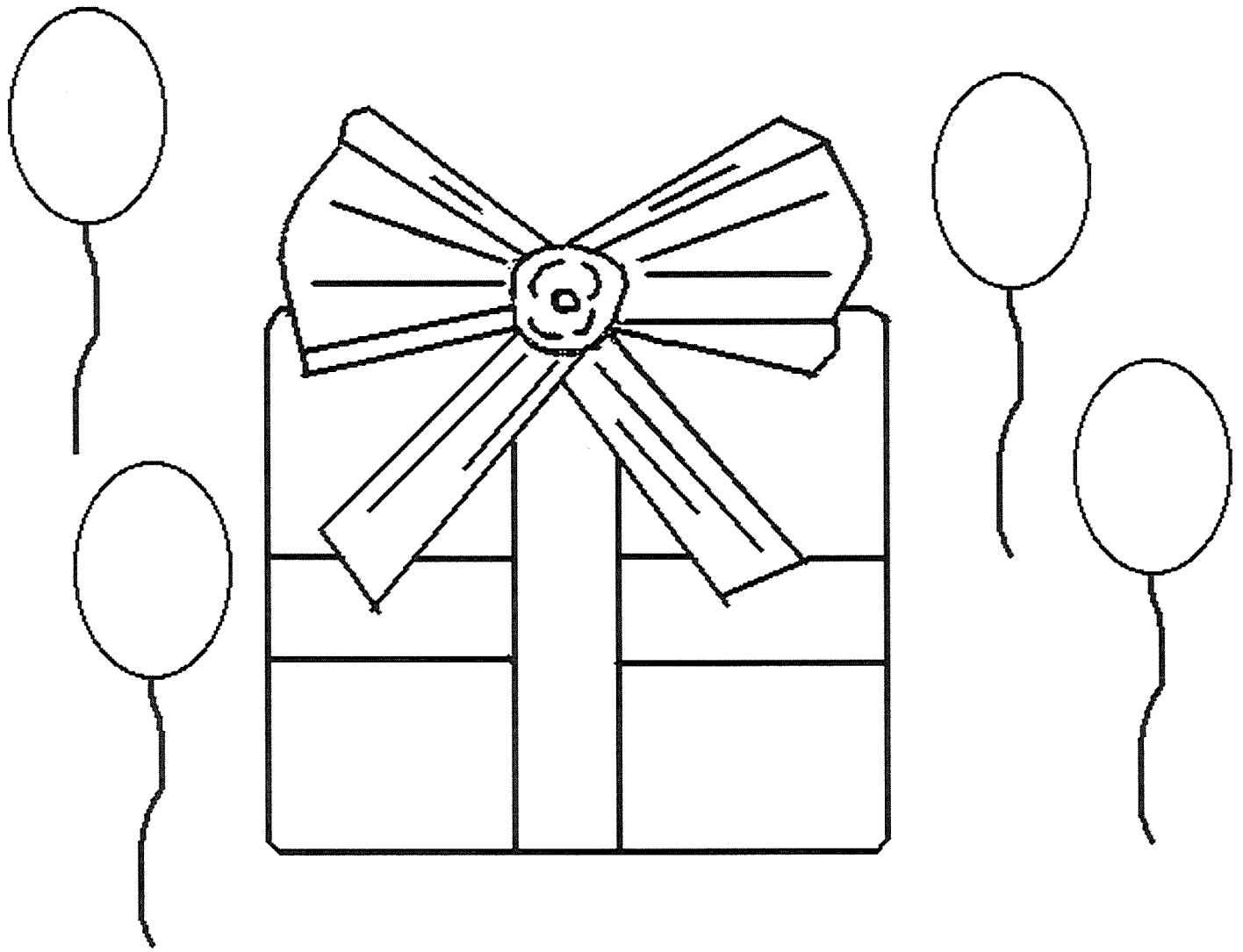
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**Across**

2. the writer of the book we are studying
5. The one who perseveres under trial is \_\_\_\_\_
6. every good and perfect gift comes from \_\_\_\_\_
7. God does not change like shifting \_\_\_\_\_
8. the perfect law gives \_\_\_\_\_
10. God gives us wisdom \_\_\_\_\_

**Down**

1. slow to speak and quick to \_\_\_\_\_
3. Listening, but not doing God's Word is like a man who looks in a \_\_\_\_\_ and forgets what he looks like
4. A stick with it attitude. determination. what develops when our faith is tested
9. consider it pure \_\_\_\_\_ when we face trials of many kinds



Every good gift and  
every perfect gift is  
from above  
(James 1:17)