

# **WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY MAY 16TH – 10:15AM**

## ***Steadfastness Through Trial: James 1:2-4***

**Welcome & Call to Worship:** [Pastor Bernie]

- Over the next few weeks we will be in James 1:1-18, which instruct us on a theology of trials and response to trials.
- Today we look at James 1:2-4 and will focus on *Steadfastness through Trials*.
  - <sup>2</sup> *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup>for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup>And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*
- In our worship service today, we will consider:
  - **Thinking rightly about trials – Remember God's Character**
  - **Responding rightly in trials – Remember God's Purposes**

## **THINKING RIGHTLY ABOUT TRIALS – REMEMBER GOD'S CHARACTER**

**Congregational Song:** My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine:  
now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day  
be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from Thee aside.

When ends life's passing dream,  
when death's cold, sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll,  
blest Savior, then, in love,

fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
a ransomed soul.

**Solo:** “When Trials Come” [Megan Albright]

When trials come no longer fear  
For in the pain our God draws near  
To fire a faith worth more than gold  
And there his faithfulness is told  
And there his faithfulness is told

Within the night I know your peace  
The breath of God brings strength to me  
And new each morning mercy flows  
As treasures of the darkness grow  
As treasures of the darkness grow

I turn to wisdom not my own  
For every battle you have known  
My confidence will rest in you  
Your love endures, your ways are good  
Your love endures, your ways are good

When I am weary with the cost  
I see the triumph of the cross  
So in its shadow I shall run  
Til you complete the work begun  
Til you complete the work begun

One day all things will be made new  
I'll see the hope you called me to  
And in your kingdom paved with gold  
I'll praise your faithfulness of old  
I'll praise your faithfulness of old

## **RESPONDING RIGHTLY IN TRIALS – REMEMBER GOD’S PURPOSES**

**“Friendly Thorns” – II Corinthians 12:7-10** [From Day #31 of *Gospel Meditations for the Hurting*—by Chris Anderson] [Pastor Steve]

*<sup>7</sup> So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

**Congregational Song: Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor**

Christ the sure and steady Anchor  
In the fury of the storm  
When the winds of doubt blow through me  
And my sails have all been torn

In the suffering, in the sorrow  
When my sinking hopes are few  
I will hold fast to the Anchor  
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady Anchor  
While the tempest rages on  
When temptation claims the battle  
And it seems the night has won

Deeper still then goes the Anchor  
Though I justly stand accused  
I will hold fast to the Anchor  
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady Anchor  
Through the floods of unbelief  
Hopeless somehow, oh my soul, now  
Lift your eyes to Calvary

This my ballast of assurance  
See his love forever proved  
I will hold fast to the Anchor  
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady Anchor  
As we face the wave of death  
When these trials give way to glory  
As we draw our final breath

We will cross that great horizon  
Clouds behind and life secure  
And the calm will be the better  
For the storms that we endure

**Congregational Song: Day by Day**

Day by day and with each passing moment,  
Strength I find to meet my trials here;  
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,  
I've no cause for worry or for fear.  
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure

Gives unto each day what he deems best—  
Lovingly, it's part of pain and pleasure,  
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Ev'ry day the Lord himself is near me,  
With a special mercy for each hour;  
All my cares he gladly bears and cheers me,  
He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r.  
The protection of his child and treasure  
Is a charge that on himself he laid:  
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure"—  
This the pledge to me he made.

Help me then in ev'ry tribulation  
So to trust your promises, O Lord,  
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation  
Offered me within your holy Word.  
Help me, Lord, when, toil and trouble meeting,  
E'er to take, as from a Father's hand,  
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,  
Till I reach the promised land.

### **Children 3-K5 Dismissed to Junior Church**

**Message:** James 1:2-4 [Pastor Steve]

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**Closing Instrumental:** “Day By Day” during time of personal prayer response.

**Closing Announcements:** [Pastor Steve]

Tonight at 6:00pm – FBC Baccalaureate (in auditorium)

Next Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 9:00am – Sunday School
- 10:15am – Worship service – James 1:5-8 (Trial of uncertainty)
- 6:00pm – The Lord's Supper

Wednesday Evenings in Summer - in Home Fellowships. Need for people to sign up to host families.

Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - Praise Men from MBU. No Wednesday evening service that week.