



## MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

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### Faith that Works When Life Doesn't

#### ICE-BREAKER:

Why would you agree or disagree with the statement, "Life is 10 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you respond to what happens to you"?

#### DISCUSS:

How would you respond to someone who tells you that good can come from the trials which you are experiencing?

**READ:** *"Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind."* - **James 1:2-6 (NLT2)**

Why does God allow people to go through trials and difficulties?

What good has ever come out of a difficult situation in your life?

How do you think a person's relationship with God change as he or she goes through trials and problems?

#### APPLY

What do you believe God is trying to teach you this week through the trials and situations you are experiencing?

In what specific areas do you need to ask God for His wisdom this week?

What temptations do you need God's help to resist this week? How can this group help?

"God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him." - **James 1:12 (NLT2)**