

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER – July 2020

James 1:1-6 New International Version (NIV)

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings.

Trials and

Temptations²Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,^[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

Footnotes:[James 1:2](#) The Greek word for *brothers and sisters (adelphoi)* refers here to believers, both men and women, as part of God's family; also in verses 16 and 19; and in 2:1, 5, 14; 3:10, 12; 4:11; 5:7, 9, 10, 12, 19.

Print and place cards face up on table and let each choose a card to read. Ask the questions giving everyone an opportunity to answer. Give freedom to "pass" on any question.

1. What does this particular passage call you to do?

2. Trials and temptations seem to be going on all around us during these times. How can these verses change the way you approach them?

3. Do you find yourself doing the opposite? Why? What can you do about it?

4. Share and Tell each other specifics that God has given you in this quarantine time. Encourage one another and Share wisdom from the Lord?

5. What do verses about wisdom actually mean- discuss interpretations?

6. How can this passage bring restoration and encouragement to another hurting soul when the trials of this world seem overwhelming? Can you make practical examples to start today?

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