

# SHOULDER TO SHOULDER – July 2020

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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**

**Temptations**<sup>2</sup>Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup>Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. <sup>5</sup>If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. <sup>6</sup>But 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?**

**Please feel free to email me and share ways that you hear God in this lesson!**  
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