

## Good News About Hard Times

Series: *A Growing Faith – A Study of James*  
– James 1:2-12 –

### 1. Trials are Inevitable (vs. 2)

### 2. Trials Have a Purpose (vss. 3-4)

### 3. Trials Require Wisdom (vs. 5-11)

### 4. Trials Result in Reward (vs. 12)

THE PURPOSE IS

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#### Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this message?
2. Talk together about some of the most difficult circumstances or conditions which you can recall experiencing in the the past year.
3. How can we make sure that the wisdom we are acting on is from God and not the wisdom of this world?
4. As parent, how have you tried to prepare your children for trouble? What are some ways we can teach our children faith in the midst of trials?
5. Look again at verses 9 and 10. Which of these two verses applies most to you? In what ways might they *both* apply to you?
6. If God had written this passage only for *you*, which words or phrases do you think He would have underlined?
7. What is the difference between the hope of the Christian and wishful thinking? How has your hope in Christ aided you this week?

