

Song Service

Prayer & Praise

Scripture: James 1:2-4

Sermon: Adversity the Fast Tract to Transformation

Closing Hymn

Calendar

Tuesday, Visual Bible Study @ Church, 10a.m.

Tuesday, Bible Study @ Church, 6 p.m.

Notes

I. Realize trials are _____ steps for my transformation. James 1:2-4

II. We must realize we are facing Adversity with the _____ of Jesus presence. 2 Corinthians 4:(6); 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2:16

**III. The Paradox of _____
2 Corinthians 4: (7-9)**

**1. The _____ of Powerlessness. 2
Corinthians 11:24-28; 2 Corinthians 4:16**

**III. Adversity is part of _____ for
us. Isaiah 65:24; Esther 4:13-14**

**IV. Realize a thorn in the flesh can teach us the _____
of grace. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

**V. The transforming power of grace. 1 Peter 5:5b-10; Romans 8:28-
29**

This year has been full of adversity. We are still in a Pandemic; the nation is in turmoil and we do not know the total cost of the quarantine on the minds of folks with depression or addictions. Add to that the death or health of loved one, loss of jobs or relationships. The Bible teaches God will use whatever events we experience for our ultimate good. It seems that our adversity is growing each day; so how do we respond? *The crucial factor is not circumstances but how we react to them. Faith in God keeps the circumstances outside, pressing me ever closer to God.* This is saying we trust God to work out the problem but this is so hard to do. Faith is the evidence of things not seen but doubt comes when our focus is on things we can see, can't understand or can't change. Prayer gets our minds in the presence of God, reading the Bible helps us access the mind of God while the Holy Spirit reveals to us the input of God into the situation. Jesus promised rest for our souls when we are yoked to Him. The soul is how I think, feel, and make decisions. It is the part of me that reasons or tries to analyze my situation. It is my desire to reason; trying to understand and control everything that keeps the circumstances inside instead of surrendering the outcome to God. Instead of peace I have worry. God has created us spirit, soul, and body and we are to live that way. The spirit is the part of me that includes faith, worship, prayer, reverence, and hope. Faith and hope are generated by the indwelling Holy Spirit. I must start solving my problems by getting in touch with spiritual part of me. When the Holy Spirit is in control the circumstances are under His control and outside of my responsibility. If I live from the body in, the soul is taught to think by what I see, hear and touch. The gates to my mind are emotions, conscience and reason. These tend to keep my problems internal. My hope is determined by my emotions and reason. My faith is in man or myself. The Bible tells me when I seek God, He will give me the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13). To me that means He will guide me on how to listen and trust Him with the circumstances I am facing. My problem becomes His problem and He will help me believe "I Got This" signed God. **Pastor Bruce**