

OHANA STUDY GUIDE

July 4-10, 2010

Sermon: "A Faith That Works, Even In Troubled Times" July 11, 2010

James 1:1-12

1. Read v.1-4. In v.2 James writes, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials." Explain how this is possible if we have faith in Christ.

a. Have you recently experienced a "trial" in which you found joy? If so, share it with your ohana.

2. We are promised that we will develop "perseverance" when our faith is tested by trials (v.3).

a. How do you define perseverance?

b. What will the outcome of this perseverance be in your Christian life?

3. Read v.5-8. God promises "wisdom" to the one who asks Him (v.5).

a. What's the difference between wisdom and knowledge, if any?

b. What requirement is there in asking God for this wisdom?

4. How does James describe the person who asks God for wisdom but doubts that he will receive it?

a. When we pray to God, what should we do so that doubt doesn't arise in our hearts?

5. What is meant by a "double-minded" man (v.8)?

a. How does this "double-mindedness" affect other areas of our life according to v.8?

6. Read v.9-12. In these verses, what are we to "take pride" in if we are (a) poor (b) rich?

Is it more advantageous to be poor or rich according to these verses?

7. In v.12, trials are called a "test". What do trials test in our lives?

a. What will the outcome be if we (a) fail the test (b) pass the test?

b. What does the "crown of life" refer to (v.12)

