

*James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings. Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

**James 1:1-4 (NIV)**

*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. 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. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.* **James 1:5-7 (NIV)**

## I CAN GROW THROUGH TRIALS WHEN I...

### 1. LOOK TO GOD

*If any of you lacks wisdom...* **James 1:5a (NIV)**

*Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.* **Proverbs 11:2 (NLT)**

### 2. ASK GOD

*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.* **James 1:5 (NIV)**

- Generously
- To all
- Without finding fault
- Every time

*For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.*  
**Proverbs 2:6 (NIV)**

### 3. DO WHAT GOD SAYS

*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. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double minded and unstable in all they do.*

**James 1:6-8 (NIV)**

*Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.* **James 3:13-16 (NIV)**

## ONE KEY TAKEAWAY

From this message, what is the one key takeaway you will apply to grow your faith?