

# **New Hope Sunday School: Study of James**

## **Lesson 3 – Faith and Trouble - James 1:2-8**

### **The Supposition**

*Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.*

- How to be happy - Suffer?
  - What kind of trials does James have in mind?
  - Are trials a possibility or a certainty?
  - Stoicism vs Joy – Romans 8:18; Hebrews 12:2
  - What is our Joy?
- Why does our faith need to be tested? 1 Peter 1:6-8
- What are the results of a tested faith? Hebrews 10:39
- In what way is our Joy related to our faith?

### **The End Result**

*And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing*

“Let endurance perfect its work in you that you may become perfected”

- What is the perfect result of endurance? Matthew 5:48
- Is perfection a realistic goal?
- How is our perfection related to our joy? Psalm 19:1-6
- In what way is our being perfected related to our faith? Hebrews 2:10

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### **The Method**

*But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double minded man unstable in all his ways.*

- What is this wisdom? – Job 28: 12-28
  - How did Job learn wisdom?
- Who gives this wisdom? Proverbs 2:1-6
- Why is wavering antithetic to the essence of wisdom?

Matthew 21:21-22; Proverbs 2:6

- Romans 4:19-22 – Abraham an example of not wavering.
- What does our doubting result in?
- How is doubting related to our faith?
- How is asking related to our faith?