

The Hope of Our Endurance

James 1:12-18

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The Big Idea: The goodness of God is our enduring hope and the hope of our endurance.

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James 1:12-18 (English Standard Version)

#1: When we remain in love with Jesus through trials, we are blessed with life.

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Why I Run:

- 1) For the views
- 2) I become less fearful
- 3) I become more self-aware

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#2: God is still good even when it doesn't feel like it.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. James 1:16-18 (ESV)

#3: God's goodness can lead to our transformation.

Tips:

- 1) Make the most of the time between trials
 - a. Spiritual Rhythms
 - b. Community Connection
- 2) What to do when a trial comes your way
 - a. Become present to yourself
 - b. Become present to God
 - c. Invite your community into your experience
- 3) If you have grown cold, have started going through the motions, or checked out at some point, now what?