

WORSHIP

Suggested worship songs: Still Standing, Firm Foundation (He Won't), Build My Life, Goodness of God

WELCOME

What daily trials has already come your way in the first week of 2026? How about little blessings that God has sent your way to strengthen and encourage you?

READ IT!

WORD

JAMES 1:12-18 (Read verses 1-11 as well)

¹² Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. ¹⁵ Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. ¹⁸ In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about real faith?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

POINT IT OUT

INTRO (2 Corinthians 13:5, Matthew 7:20-23, Mark 6:3-4, 1 Corinthians 15:6-7)

REJOICE IN TRIALS (James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 1:6-7, Hebrews 11:6, Romans 10:17)

PRAY FOR WISDOM (James 1:5-6, Mark 9:23-24, Matthew 9:28-29, James 1:7-11, Romans 8:18, 28-29)

PERSEVERE (James 1:12-18, Revelation 2:10)

APPLY IT!

WORKS

Based on this lesson on "REAL FAITH TRIUMPHS" write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your "I will..." statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray for those around you who are dealing with various trials. Ask the God of compassion to show them His love and power to them through you and His church. Share Jesus to someone you know who need Him to be able to persevere through trials right now.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- For legislators to promote and support bills and laws aligned with God's Word.
- PRAY for the protection, safety and release of kidnapped American Christian missionary, Kevin, serving in Niger (West Africa). For God to turn the hearts of the kidnappers to repentance and salvation. Peace and comfort for Kevin's family.
- Pray for persecuted Christians in Sudan and Nigeria) --- many have been beheaded and murdered; earnestly seek God's intervention to stop the bloodshed. Pray for freedom from oppression, that God's word and His people bring them comfort and hope.
- PRAISE God that the rest of the living Israeli hostages have been restored to their families safely! Continue to pray that the last remaining dead hostage will be returned to his family for burial.
- For Israel's war with terrorists to end according to God's purpose and for His glory. For Jewish people worldwide who are experiencing a surge of antisemitism. May this lead them to the Messiah, Jesus as they turn to God for help and comfort.
- For nations in turmoil (e.g., Ukraine, Iran, Venezuela, etc.) to experience true freedom in Christ and become centers for massive spiritual revivals in their regions.

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and

love God, and make disciples

- For elders, pastors, deacons, and families to become holy, humble, harmonious, happy, and heart-working)
- For ministries and church expansions worldwide.

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain (MMRC)

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper and intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends

MEMORY VERSE

James 1:12

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