

# FAMILY WORSHIP

## Guide

Sermon: Faith that Works: A Threat Worse than our Trials  
Text: James 1:13-18  
August 2, 2020

Use this guide to engage in further discussion about today's message, applying it to your heart in a personal way. Feel free to alter questions to fit children in your family.

Follow this simple outline:

1. Sit down together with no distractions.
2. Have a member of the family open in prayer.
3. Read all or a portion of the sermon text.
4. Work through the discussion questions. Encourage your family to talk.
5. Share ways to apply the sermon to life
6. Close in prayer.

Time  
Commitment:  
15-20 Minutes

### Discussion Questions:

1. As you think about the challenging circumstances you are facing right now, are you looking at them with the right attitude? The word James uses for trials and temptations is the same Greek word. The difference maker is how we respond to them. Are you facing your circumstances with faith, or are you facing them with resentment and doubt?

2. Where do our temptations come from? How does 1 Corinthians 10:13 ready us to face them?

3. Pastor Jeff used the illustration of fishing with his grandfather. As we see the pattern of verse 15, we see the way we are lured into sin. What point was Pastor Jeff making when he stated that temptation always hides the hook?

4. When you find a prohibition in the Bible, do you remember the goodness of God? Is it hard to remember that God's restrictions are extensions of His kindness? Why is this important?

5. James teaches us that every good and perfect gift comes to us from the Father of lights. His love and care for us never changes. While sin always brings death, God always gives us life through the gospel. Do you see how God is a life-giving God, even as we face the challenges of a pandemic? What are some of the ways you see the Lord giving you good and perfect gifts? Can you name some of them? Have you thanked Him for those gifts?



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