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## ***Program for Sunday, October 3, 2021***

**Call to Worship:** *God So Loved*

*The Lion & the Lamb*

***Children are dismissed to Sunday School at this time.***

**Welcome, announcements, and prayer:**

- **Thanks for joining us today!!! With Covid-19 on the rise again we're recommending you follow the CDC guidelines.** Also, for the health & safety of all who attend MDC, we ask that you stay at home if you have any signs of sickness. We have masks in the back. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Bible study this Week: Is Jesus God? Part 2** We are in a short series on questions people ask. Wednesday, October 6 at the green house, 1641 Bixler Road, (or by teleconference) at 6:30 PM. Questions are available in the back on the bible study table.
- **The swimming pool is now open** for 2-hour time slots at the MDC property located at: 1641 Bixler Road, Discovery Bay. Please contact Sonja Sellers for a reservation at (925) 408-5293. A signed release of liability form is required.
- **We're looking for volunteers** to help prepare the property to begin construction. If you're interested, please sign up at the back table.
- **We're looking for volunteers to help with the Xmas Tree Sales** this year. If you're interested, please sign up at the back table.
- **Building Committee meetings are held each Friday at 9 A.M.** at the Church property on Bixler Rd. **All are welcome to join us.**
- **Men's Breakfast Saturday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM** at Jalisco's restaurant, 8335 Brentwood Blvd. All men are invited for great time of food and fellowship.
- **Thank you for your continued financial support of MDC.**
- **Please contact us** for any needs, suggestions, or prayer requests:
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**Adoration:** *Holy Water*

*What a Beautiful Name*

**Message:** Trials and Temptations

**Response / Invitation:** *O Come to the Altar*

**Assurance / Sending:** *Sing Wherever I Go*

**Close of Service**

## Message Notes:

**Friday's Devotional:** Psalm 19: 10 They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much pure gold; Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover, Your servant is warned by them; In keeping them there is great reward.

### James, son of Joseph

- In the gospels, James is an unbeliever (Mt 13, Jn 7).
- Receives a visit by resurrected Jesus (1 Cor. 15:7)
- In the upper room with the disciples, Mary (Acts 1).
- James: leader of the Jerusalem church (Acts 15)
- James: likely martyred AD 62 (thrown from Temple)

### James (Evidence of Authentic Faith):

Major Themes:

- Trials and Temptations.
- Faith and Deeds.
- Speech (tongue).
- Wisdom.
- Prayer.

Written about 50 AD, 1<sup>st</sup> of NT Documents.

Sent to the "Diaspora."

Trials:

- Unscheduled.
- Various = different kinds.
- Plural = many.
- Reasons?
  - Grow up. Conformed to the image of Christ.
  - Grow away: Correction.
  - Grow toward: Direction.

### Knowledge, Insight, Wisdom

- Knowledge: Facts (we are overwhelmed).
- Insight: Understanding. Significant. Interpret.
- Wisdom: Godly end, most sure means.
  - Worldly wisdom: 1 Corinthians 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God.
  - Godly wisdom: You can get it! (Proverbs 4:5-7)
  - God loves to give wisdom generously!
  - Ask in faith (not double-minded).

1 **James**, a **bond-servant** of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: Greetings.

2 **Consider** it all **joy**, my **brethren**, when you **encounter various trials**, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

5 But if any of you lacks **wisdom**, let him **ask** of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But he must ask in **faith** without any doubting, for the one who **doubts** is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, 8 being a **double-minded man**, unstable in all his ways

**James 1:9-18**; 9 But the brother of humble circumstances is to glory in his high position; 10 and the rich man is to glory in his humiliation, because like flowering grass he will pass away. 11 For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away.

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.

### **God uses trials:**

- Job: Only one voice mattered.
- Abraham: Difficult trial -> Precious obedience -> greater self denial.
- Jesus. "Not my will, but thine."
- God knows. I believe.

## **Reasons: Growth. Correction. Guidance.**

### Self-examination

- 1) Test the strength of our faith.
- 2) A need for more humility?
- 3) Let go of the world's grip on me.
- 4) Call to heavenly hope.
- 5) Reveal our love interest.
- 6) Value the blessings, favor of God.
- 7) Enhance the prayer life.
- 8) Enable us to support other sufferers.
- 9) Strengthen us for greater usefulness.

**Hebrews 4:15,16; 15** For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. 16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### **Anatomy of a fall:**

- Changing-> Lust -> Conceive -> Sin -> Death.
- Desire-> Deception-> Design -> Disobedience.
- Emotion-> Rationalize-> Will -> Behavior.

**1 Corinthians 10:13** No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

### **Anatomy of a test**

- Testing-> Patience-> Maturity-> Complete.

**1 Corinthians 11:23-24** For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

**1 Corinthians 11:25-26** In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

## **MDC wants to help. We are here for you.**

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