

The Temptation in the Wilderness

Trials PRODUCE something - they don't TAKE AWAY or REDUCE us!

- Jas 1:2-4 ESV Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that **the testing of your faith produces steadfastness**. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be **perfect** and **complete, lacking in nothing**.
- Perfect - of full age, mature
- Complete - complete in every part, perfectly sound in body
- Lacking Nothing - not one thing is lacking or missing

Learning from the example in the Life of Jesus

Mat 4:1-11 ESV Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Trials can help us trust in the WORD of God

- 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Trials can help us rely on the WISDOM of God

- 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6 and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Trials can draw us toward the WORSHIP and SERVICE of God

- 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve." 11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Trials Prepare Us For What is Ahead

- Luk 4:1 ESV And Jesus, **full of the Holy Spirit**, returned from the Jordan and **was led by the Spirit in the wilderness**.....Luk 4:14 ESV And Jesus **returned in the power of the Spirit** to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.