



## When Life Happens

Wrinkle-free days usually don't create great faith, because we don't know what we actually believe until what we claim to believe is tested. Those unexpected things life throws our way can end up being pivotal circumstances in our faith journeys.

## Discussion Questions

1. Read **James 1:2–4**. What stands out to you?
2. James says that trials test our faith or our confidence in God. How has your personal faith been tested?
3. If God uses pivotal circumstances to build your faith, what should your response be the next time life takes you by surprise? What is your go-to response? Panic? Anger? Doubt? Call a friend?
4. C.S. Lewis writes: "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." Do you know anyone who came to faith after being awakened by the megaphone of pain?

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have **peace**. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

**—John 16:33**