

# NOTES & QUOTES



FAITH IN THE FIRE  
WEEK 1 - JULY 2, 2021

## **CONNECT** (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. "Getting in shape is simple. Just eat right and exercise regularly." Why do we find that easier said than done?
2. Think about when you have been in great shape physically. How does this compare and contrast to being in good shape spiritually?
3. Think of a recent problem or difficulty in your life. In what ways did God give you strength to face that situation?

## **THRIVE** (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. How do you respond to the idea that we should, "Consider it pure joy whenever we face trials of many kinds"? (James 1:2)
5. Read James 1:3-4 and 1 Peter 1:5-7. Explain the progression of the Christian life as described in the verses. How has this been true in your life?
6. In the middle of discussing trials, James mentions wisdom (James 1:5). What does wisdom have to do with facing trials? Why should we pray for wisdom? Contrast asking for wisdom by faith (James 1:5-6) with asking with doubt (James 1:6-8).
7. What does James 1:9-12 teach us about enduring the trials that come as a result of money?

8. According to James 1:13-15, who is the real culprit we are to blame for our sins? Why are we tempted to sin? What is the chain of events that happen when we act on our temptations? (See Psalm 7:14).
9. Read James 1:16-18. What do these verses tell us about God? How can these truths encourage us as we fight against temptation?

## **COMMIT** (BE ON MISSION)

10. How can you grow closer to God through the trials you are facing right now? What role can prayer play in these situations?
11. How has the testimony of others helped you in your struggle against sin? How can you encourage others to resist temptation?
12. Make a list of all the 'good gifts' God has given you in this season of life and spend time thanking him for being so gracious.

### **PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY**

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

James 1:17