COMMUNITY OF FAITH

TIME TO MOVE WEEK 1
SCOTT WOODS

The goal of faith isn't to escape every trial. It's to remain faithful through every trial.

James 1:1–4

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:
Greetings.
Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1:5–8

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

Wisdom helps us know the next faithful step. Perseverance makes us take it.

James 1:12

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

James 1:13–15

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when **they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed.** Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

Pay attention to what shapes you.

James 1:21

Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

The goal is to become more faithful to Jesus.

James 1:22

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 1:26–27

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: **to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.**

James 1:18

He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all He created.