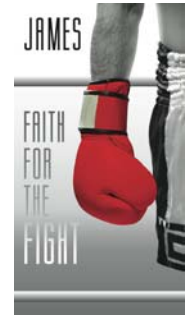


# Faith For the Fight – Round 1

Life Group Questions – January 30, 2011

Pastor Jeff – Trials (James 1:2-12)



## Connect

1. Share with the group —which season do you most enjoy & why? And even if winter is not your favorite season, what is one thing you like about winter?

## Study

1. In the Bible, Jesus and others tell us to expect trials. So why do you think a majority of us American Christians are surprised when we face hard times?
2. Read James 1:2-12. Is there a verse, phrase or idea that stands out or raises a question for you?
3. Jeff mentioned trials may be one of 4 P's—can you name all four? Next, as you think of the trials you've faced, share the "P" you can most identify with, and why.
4. Under the "James' Counsel For Trials" section in the notes, Jeff gave 4 key words (listed in capital letters). Which one do you find most helpful?
5. In your own words, what does James mean to "count it all joy" when you go through trials? If someone were to ask you what joy is, how would you answer?
6. What definition did Jeff offer for wisdom? When facing trials, why is asking God for wisdom so important?
6. Under the "Fighting Shallowness" section of the message, Jeff offered 2 practical ways we can persevere when we're facing trials. Have you tried either of these? What have you learned?
7. In James 1:12, what does God promise those who persevere under trial & stand the test? What does this promise mean to you?

## Pray

Prayer requests – in light of our study this week on trials, how can you specifically pray for each other this week?