

Alderwood Community Church
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James: A Faith That Works
OUCH!
James 1:1-12
(Page 1196 or 1216)

Big Idea: There is a biblical template for pain response!

1. _____ **PAIN**—*God is never random!*—(vv. 1-4, 12)

A. **Pain Is a** _____. *So that you may be mature and complete...*
2 Corinthians 1:3-11

“God had one Son without sin, but never a son without affliction.”—
Charles H. Spurgeon

B. **Pain Is a** _____. *Consider it pure joy.*

1 Kings 1:29, *“the LORD...who has redeemed my life from every difficulty...”*

2. _____ **PRAYER**—*God doesn't play hard-to-get!*—(vv. 5-8)

A. **God Has an** “_____ - _____” **Policy**. *Who gives generously to all...*

Matthew 7:11 *“...how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”*

B. **We Need an** “_____ - _____” **Policy**. *He should ask God....he must believe and not doubt...*

Mark 9:23-24 *“If you can'?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for him who believes.”²⁴ Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”*

3. _____ **YOURSELF**—*We are not what we think we are!*—
(vv. 9-11)

A. **God Gives Us** _____. *Take pride in his high position.*

2 Corinthians 8:9 *“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes **he became poor**, so that you through his poverty might become rich.”*

B. **God Gives Us** _____. *Take pride in his low position...*

Luke 12:15 *...a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.*