

**“Deepened by Difficulty:  
Getting What We Truly Desire  
From Something We’d Typically Decline”  
James 1:1-4**

**A. Our godly response to hard times v.2**

1. The timing of our godly response
  - “whenever” –
  - “encounter” –
  - “various” –
2. The nature of our godly response
  - Contrary to what we often do:
  - What God calls and empowers us to do:

**B. There is a good reason to respond in this way. v.3**

**C. There is a great ultimate result from responding God’s way. v.4**

- an on-going process –
- the ultimate result –

*Our godly perspective in the midst of pressures is to praise God – because we highly value the shorter-term product (spiritual endurance) and we absolutely prize what results from the long-term process (mature, Christ-like character).*