



## Longhaul-Thinking

Boot Camp Basics - Part 1 of 6  
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**Big Idea:** God uses difficult things in our lives to grow us, deepen us, and shape us into the persons He designed us to be.

**Text:** James 1:1-12

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ **BECAUSE DIFFICULT THINGS HAPPEN TO EVERYONE.**

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations. – James 1:1

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds. – James 1:2

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” – Matthew 6:34

“We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.” – Acts 14:22b

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you. – 1 Peter 4:12 (NASV)

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ **IN YOUR HARD TIMES BECAUSE THEY CAN MAKE YOU BETTER.**

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. – James 1:2-4

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ FOR WISDOM BECAUSE THERE MAY BE SOMETHING YOU CAN LEARN.**

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. – James 1:5

But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; He is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does. – James 1:6-8

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ DOING WHAT YOU KNOW TO DO BECAUSE WHEN YOU'RE DEPRESSED  
INACTIVITY IS YOUR ENEMY.**

Therefore, gird your minds for action. – 1 Peter 1:13a (NASV)

**5. \_\_\_\_\_ HARDSHIP BECAUSE ENDURANCE BRINGS A REWARD.**

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**MEMORY VERSE**

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**JAMES 1:12**

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