

Daily Morning Message
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Lectionary Readings

Psalm 15
Song of Solomon 1:1-17
James 1:1-8

Today's Scripture Verse:

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. (James 1:2-4)

What it means:

The letter of James is a book of Christian wisdom, that gives priority to works or actions taken in following the way of Jesus over simple declarations of faith. In these opening verses, we sense the troubles experienced by the early Christians, living under persecution as a religious minority. James' prescription is that we treat the obstacles we encounter as people of faith as a means to grow in strength and maturity.

Our time of reflection:

God, when things do not go the way we think they should in our lives, may we consider the possibility that our challenges are strengthening us to accomplish a greater good.

