

Sermon Title: **“OUTSIDE OPPOSITION”**

James 1:2-4

- The book of James was written to a group of \_\_\_\_\_, who had been “dispersed abroad” (scattered like \_\_\_\_\_) because of persecution
- These Jewish believers were facing \_\_\_\_\_ that put their lives literally in jeopardy – \_\_\_\_\_ was likely
  - James \_\_\_\_\_ their persecution, but he also understood that God is working \_\_\_\_\_ together
- “\_\_\_\_\_” = adversity; discipline; provocation; a putting to proof
- God wants to use what we’re presently facing to \_\_\_\_\_ us; to \_\_\_\_\_ us; and \_\_\_\_\_ us into His image
- The end result of encountering \_\_\_\_\_ is that it produces endurance – those trials \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our faith
- “\_\_\_\_\_” is actually a silversmith term
  - 1 – Temperature is cranked up 1,450 F
  - 2 – When hot, impurities float to the top
  - 3 – Impurities scraped off and discarded
  - 4 – Fire is reheated until more impurities float
  - 5 – This process is repeated until the silver was clear
  - 6 – Silver was “tested” ONLY when the Silversmith could clearly see His own reflection
- “\_\_\_\_\_” = wanting nothing; completeness; full grown; mature
- This entire process, although \_\_\_\_\_ always easy, is for the end result of becoming more \_\_\_\_\_ in our faith
  - Each of those moments God has used to help \_\_\_\_\_ you, and \_\_\_\_\_ you, and \_\_\_\_\_ you (there’s a purpose)
- 1 – God desires to use “these trials” to \_\_\_\_\_ us (to remove ANY \_\_\_\_\_ from our lives)
- 2 – God desires to use “these trials” to \_\_\_\_\_ our faith in Him
- 3 – God has an \_\_\_\_\_, the end result, is to make us more Christlike; to mature us; and to \_\_\_\_\_ in our walks with God