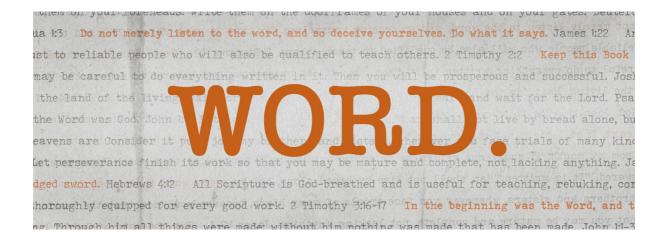
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> > —James 1:2-4

You can't ALWAYS be happy, but you can always be <u>happier</u>.

Pain without PURPOSE can be paralyzing. But pain with purpose can be <u>formational</u>.

Our pressure points are our potential.

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"Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

-C.S. Lewis

"It's not our competence that makes us useful to God. It's our <u>dependence</u>."

—Jackie Hill Perry

God can give VALUE to your pain.

We are formed in the trials, and <u>humans</u> are the cause of MOST of our trials.

Don't fight back. Fight forward!

Become someone who handles hard stuff better.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- 1. What are you struggling with today that would be your "trial of many kinds"?
- 2. Who can you invite to speak into your life that is a trusted voice?

Memory Verse Challenge:

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