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**Sermon Worksheet For Small Groups Or Individual Devotions**

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**Sermon Topic: Turning Your Darkest Hour into Your Finest Hour**

**Text: James 1:2-4**

GROUP DISCUSSION: Can you think of a time in your life when you faced a dark and difficult time? How did it make you feel? How did you react?

PERSONAL REFLECTION: What is the most difficult part to you about functioning during a difficult time?

1. Pastor Vern said in his sermon that, "Perhaps our darkest hour can indeed be our finest hour but it depends on how we view it." What do you think he meant by this statement?
  
2. James writes to Jewish Christians everywhere and he encourages them to greet trials with joy. Is this something that most Christians today are comfortable doing? Why? Why not?
  
3. How do Christians develop spiritual maturity?
  
4. How do Christians develop the right attitude during a trial?
  
5. Why is joy so important in the life of the Christian?
  
6. As Christians how can we know the reason for our trial?
  
7. Spiritual endurance is important. What is one thing that you know about God that is true?
  
8. As Christians why is focusing on the results of our trials so important?
  
9. What do the words "Perfect, Complete, and Lacking Nothing" mean to you?
  
10. What have you learned from this sermon and lesson?