

James 5:13-20 – sermon outline

The Lord uses trials to make his children “whole”

trials → steadfast → whole - James 1:2-4 (also Heb. 12:3-12)

Question: might a Christian’s suffering be sent by God BECAUSE of their sin?

Usually, no: trials as formative discipline

Job, the prophets, the blind man (John 9:1-3), 2 Cor. 12:7-10

Sometimes, yes: trials as corrective discipline

1 Corinthians 11:30, “That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died”

PRAY – that the Lord would make you whole – verses 13-18

Special case: sickness sent directly by God

Pray like Elijah – see 1 Kings 17-19: false worship and idolatry

PURSUE – that other Christians would become whole – verses 12-20