

Be Real when the Road is Rough

James 1:1-4

Introduction: The theme of this new sermon series is Be Real! Over the next few months, we will walk through the book of James and we will discover that it is a call to authentic Christian living. The book of James puts the spotlight on common forms of hypocrisy that afflict professing believers and it doesn't allow us to absolve ourselves of where we fall short, it confronts us with hard-edged truth and insists on obedience.

Facts about the book of James.

The truth about trials.

Trials are a blessing in disguise. (vs. 2)

God uses trials to produce stronger faith and powerful endurance! (vs. 3)

God uses trials to transform us into being more like Christ. (vs. 4)

Four take-home truths about trials:

1. Trials come without an invitation.

2. Trials cause you to face and feel real pain and sorrow.

3. The specific reason(s) why a certain trial comes is not always known at the time.

4. God wants you to pass the test of your trials.

Conclusion: