

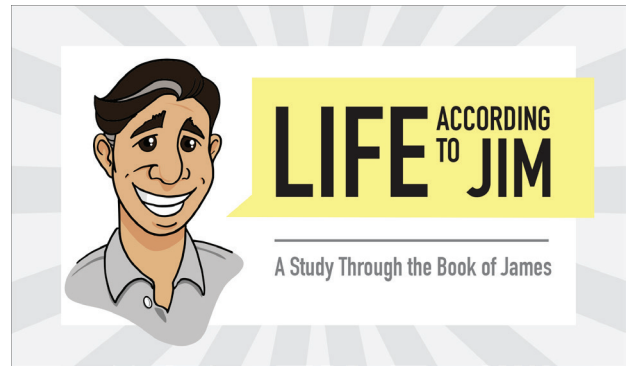
# Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, October 16, 2016

Sermon Series: Life According To Jim

Key Passage: James 1:13-18

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## Bad News / Good News

**Sin is bad news, but God cannot be blamed.**

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. (James 1:13 ESV)

### A couple things to know about sin...

#### A. Sin has a common source.

14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. (James 1:14 ESV)

#### B. Sin has a common course.

15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. (James 1:15 ESV)

20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20 ESV)

### How can the trouble in our lives ever be a good thing?

#### A. In the midst of our bad news (sin), God brings good news.

16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

#### B. The good news of salvation

18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. (James 1:16-18 ESV)

#### C. The good news of protection

13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:13 ESV)

#### D. The good news of empathy

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. (Hebrews 4:15 ESV)

#### E. The good news of deliverance

18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. (Hebrews 2:18 ESV)