



## **“Basic Training”**

Trials are Spiritual Boot Camp  
James 1:19-21

Job 1:21; 2:10; 40:4-5; 42:3

*Trials provide training in :*

### **I. Communication** – “to hear...to speak” (v. 19)

*That accurately reflects Our:*

- A. Connection – “*my beloved brethren*”
- B. Concern – “*swift to hear*”
- C. Carefulness – “*slow to speak*”

### **II. Conflict** – “wrath” (v. 20)

*That accurately reflects Our :*

- A. **Preparation** – “*slow to wrath*”
- B. **Presupposition** – “*the wrath of man*”
- C. **Position** – “*the righteousness of God*”

### **III. Conduct** – “which is able” (v. 21)

*That accurately reflects Our :*

- A. **Master** – “*lay apart all*”
- B. **Method** – “*with meekness*”
- C. **Message** – “*able to save*”

Conclusion :

### **I Peter 2:1-3**

\* <sup>1</sup>Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, <sup>2</sup>As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: <sup>3</sup>If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

## EXEGESIS

### V. 19

- My beloved brethren – again the emphasis on connection within the family of God = this is for Christians...
- Let every man = every person certainly but most assuredly EVERY Person who claims to be a CHRISTIAN
- Be = The way you are or the way you BE
  - Swift to hear
  - Slow to speak
  - Slow to wrath

## V. 20

- The wrath of men = what ticks us off
  - Works not = doesn't work really very good
  - **the righteousness of God = what God demands of Himself and His people = How God does things or How He prefers to Roll.**

- receive with meekness – Reserved
- The engrafted word = the word that grows and produces fruit that is a redeeming value of our life on the planet.
  - which is able to save = Physical safety or redeeming a life ...same greek word as in Luke 6:9 – when Jesus asked if were legal to save a life on the Sabbath.

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## V. 21

- Wherefore = or Therefore = On the basis of what has already been said... = do you want to do this or not? Oh, you think you are this way....Here is a checklist:
  - lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness
    - > lay apart all – Rejecting
    - The overflow of wickedness = outgrowth of wickedness like a tumor that grows and inhibits normal body development
  - receive with meekness the engrafted word,