

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

In and Around

During trials, our tendency is to ask God to change what's going on around us. But God is more interested in transforming what's going on in us.

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways do you try to find comfort or distraction when things are difficult? How well do those coping mechanisms actually work?
2. Have you ever felt like you were being hammered by a particular circumstance, only to realize in hindsight that it was also forming you? If so, share your experience.
3. When have you seen someone respond to a trial in a way that brought healing or hope to others? What made their response so impactful?
4. James challenged Jesus followers to let perseverance finish its work. What do you think that "work" looks like in your current season?
5. Have you ever asked for wisdom rather than relief? If so, what happened? If not, how could things have been different if you had?
6. What's one "hard thing" you've been avoiding that you sense God may be inviting you to face with courage? What would it look like to take one small step toward it this week?