



Tuesdays, 11:15-12:30 pm

Food Bank

Wednesdays, 7-8 pm

Prayer Meeting

Saturday, July 13 (8am)

Men's Prayer and Breakfast

Saturday, July 27 (9:00 am-8:00 pm)

Youth: Wasaga Beach

M-F, August 12-16 (9am-noon)

Summer Art Camp

Saturday, August 31 (3-10:30 pm) Youth: End of Summer Bonfire

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Sheridan Park Family Church



JOYOUS TRIALS

James 1:1-4

Sunday July 7, 2019

9:00-10:00am Prayer in the Downstairs Fireside Room

10:30am Service

Speaker: Pastor Keith Piquette

Welcome!

We are so glad you are joining us this morning. We would love to greet you personally at our Welcome Table. For information about our various ministries visit our website: www.spfamilychurch.ca.

THE FAMILY ROOM is available for parents of children who need a temporary space away during the service yet close enough to easily slip back in. The room is located on the drum-side overflow at the back of the upper auditorium. Please feel free to check it out.



James 1:1-4 – Joyous Trials

- When beginning to study any book of the Bible, it is important to first properly understand the context of the book that is being read.
- What seems to really bother the author James is that some Christians are becoming “polluted by the world.”
 - Therefore, the book of James was written in the form of a letter to be sent to all the churches abroad for the purpose of addressing sinful Christian living.
- Our fallen sinful nature is to despise facing trials but the Bible says that we should consider them “pure joy.” (1:2-4)
- God has designed trials in our lives not to harm us, but to help us. Trials are the means by which God tests and refines us into the people He desires us to be.
- It is our choice whether our trials draw us closer to God and refine our faith, whether they do nothing, or whether they drive us further from Him.
- How do we choose to experience trials as pure joy and not to just suffer through them?
 - First, stop feeling sorry for yourself and trying to get others to do the same.
 - Second, remind yourself of two truths: God orchestrates everything, and He loves you.
 - Third, simply take advantage of the opportunity of the trial because every trial is a great opportunity to draw closer to God.

