

## Sticking To The Plan

June 8, 2014

Vol. 4 Number 22

### James 1:2-4

#### Using This Study

##### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

##### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

##### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

#### Guest Speaker: Robert Bradley



Mr. Bradley is currently working on his Masters in Divinity at Grace School of Theology in Houston, TX. He is scheduled to graduate in December 2015. He obtained his BS degree in Biblical

Studies at the College of Biblical Studies in Houston, TX.

Robert and his wife, Erin, live in Missouri City and attend Sugar Creek Baptist Church. They have 2 adult children, Kira, age 24, and Skyler, age 20. At their home church, Robert is an Adult Bible Fellowship teacher and also provides biblical counseling at Second Mile Mission in Stafford, TX. Robert and Erin own Original Images Photographic Studio in Sugarland, where Robert does his own photography, specializing in weddings.

Robert's goal in ministry is to be a Senior Pastor at a small rural Baptist Church in Fort Bend County. To this end, he is seeking to be ordained at Sugar Creek Baptist and wishes to serve at Sugar Creek while he completes his Masters Degree in Biblical Studies. He hopes to gain experience in any facet of service that God may direct him to serve in.

## ① EXAMINE His Word

---

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

### Read James 1:2-4

<sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,  
whenever you face trials of many kinds,

<sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be  
mature and complete, not lacking anything.

<sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith  
produces perseverance.

## ② EXPLORE His Word

---

What does God MEAN?

1. How does God want us to respond in trials?

2. Is it possible to avoid trials?

3. What kind of trials does God use to grow us?

4. What do we need to change about how we respond in trials?

5. How are we to think about trials?

## **③ EMBRACE His Word**

---

Why does this MATTER to me?

### **Summarize your thoughts on the passage:**

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

## **Sermon Notes**

---