Seeing Beyond Our Trials 9-3-2023

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So when the woman <u>saw</u> that the tree was good for food, and that it was a <u>delight</u> to the eyes, and that the tree was to be <u>desired</u> to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. Genesis 3:6

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Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the <u>testing</u> of your faith produces <u>steadfastness</u>. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, <u>lacking in nothing</u>. James 1:2-4

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Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 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. 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

1) God is unchanging

*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.* James 1:17

2) God's goodness is undeserved

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