

The Way We Could Be
Viewing Circumstances with God's Perspective
James 1:9-12

Questions: Who are you? Where do you find your significance or worth? How would the world answer that question for you?

I. The Lowly Believer (vs.9)

~ boast in his exaltation

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 Jn. 3:1a)

II. The Rich (10-11)

~ boast in his humiliation

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly." (Rom. 5:6)

III. The End For All Those who Belong to Jesus (12)

~ the promised crown of life

Points to Ponder: We hear from the world every day concerning who we are, how often and where do we hear the truth (the deeper reality) of the gospel?

A Note to Parents: Please know that the children and youth who leave the service during the sermon are looking at the same passage we are considering. We hope that you will initiate a conversation with them about this portion of God's Word.

Next Week: Next week we will continue our sermon series entitled: *The Way We Could Be* by looking at **James 1:13-18** *Resisting Temptation with Discernment.*

