

Trials and Temptations

James 1:12-15 John Crawford May 14, 2023

A Word of Hope and Clarification as You Face Trials in Your Life

- A word of hope: If you remain steadfast in the midst of trials you will receive the crown of life. (1:12)
 - The pronouncement of blessing
 - The recipients of blessing
 - The reason for blessing
- A word of clarification: God may test you with trials, but he will never tempt you in the midst of trials. (1:13-15)
 - The source of our temptations:
 - Temptations don't come from God.
 - Temptations come from within us.
 - We have sinful desires.
 - We act on those desires (sin).
 - We deserve to die.
 - How to fight the temptation to sin:
 - Take responsibility for your temptation and sin, and quit blaming your circumstances and others.
 - Fight temptation and sin on the battleground of your desires, not simply your actions and circumstances.
 - Trust in Jesus' substitutionary death on the cross as your only hope for being rescued from the death you deserve for your sin.



Welcome to Cross Fellowship Church!

We are grateful that you have come to worship with us today and pray you feel welcome. If you have any questions about our church, the service, the sermon, or anything else, we would love to talk to you! Stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby or talk to one of the elders. We also encourage you to complete a Visitor Information Card at the Welcome Table or online at crossfellowshipchurch.org/connect.

Order of Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 147:1-12

"10,000 Reasons"

Scripture Reading: Revelation 5:9-14

"Revelation Song"

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:1-5; Colossians 1:21-22

"Grace And Peace"

"Death Was Arrested"

Prayer

Sermon: James 1:12-15

"O Great God"

Partaking of the Lord's Supper

Prayer and Benediction

Announcements

Members' Meeting

Sunday, June 4 / 4-5:30 p.m. / New Haven

Current CFC members: Join us to hear a stewardship report, get updates from ministry team leaders, and vote to affirm new members into our church family.

Church Picnic

Sunday, May 28 / 12-3 p.m. / Franklin Park

Join us for our first church picnic this year and a fun time of fellowship. The church will provide the main dish and drinks. DC groups will be assigned sides. Please bring any lawn/outdoor games you would like to play at the picnic.

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

As our church continues to grow, we are in need of more volunteers to keep safe ratios in our classes. If you're interested in serving in children's ministry, please fill out a Children's Ministry Application at crossfellowshipchurch.org/classes-and-childcare to begin the process.

Elders

- John Crawford / john.crawford@ crossfellowshipchurch.org
- Jared Chasteen / jared.chasteen@ crossfellowshipchurch.org

Discipleship Communities

DCs gather in homes on Wednesday evenings to provide leadership, community, encouragement, and accountability as we live as disciples. For more information or to join a DC, visit crossfellowshipchurch.org/dc.

Nursing Mothers

We offer a nursing mothers' room in the back left (as you face the stage) of the sanctuary.

Family Room

We offer a family room for wigglers in the back right (as you face the stage) of the sanctuary.

Children's Discipleship

To walk alongside parents in teaching children about the good news of Jesus, we offer the following classes.

Sundays at 9 a.m.

- K-3rd grade (rm. 206)
- 4th-6th grade (rm. 202)

Sundays during the Worship Gathering

- Toddler room: ages 1-2 (4m. 206)
- Pre-K room: ages 3-4 (rm. 202)

Sundays at 6 p.m.

• Youth group: 7th-12th grade

Offering

Thank you for your generosity!
There are a few ways you can give:

- In the offering box on Sundays
- Through the Church Center app (iPhone/Android)

drinking in the sanctuary. Thank you!

 Online at crossfellowship church.org/give (scan the QR code)

*Please refrain from eating and