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TITLE Out of Disappointment Into Trust
SERIES Your faith matters. In fact, it's so important to God that He's given you useful tools, situations and opportunities He wants to use to perfect your faith. You just have to jump. What are you willing to jump into or out of, so God can perfect your faith?

Life is complicated and full of obstacles and trials. This could lead to disappointment and even questioning God's presence. We can *choose* to live in disappointment or we can move to giving God glory.

1. Discuss in your group: Can you be disappointed in God and still trust him?

Read James 1:2-18.

2. James challenges our whole outlook on life. Why celebrate a trial?

James reminds us that:

3. God allows trials into our lives to _____; _____ us; make us more like _____.

4. Read John's account of Lazarus. Why did God allow Lazarus to die? (John 11:15)

5. Consider and discuss each of these responses to trials that David addressed.

Disappoint can lead us to ask:

1. Where is _____?
2. There is a lot at _____.
3. God is not _____. **Delayed, but not Denied!**
4. God can _____. (John 11:15)
5. God allows the _____.
6. Step back in _____.
7. Emotionally _____.

6. What is the significance/parallel to our lives in the different responses of Mary and Martha at the news Jesus was coming?

7. Choosing to move from disappointment to trust in Jesus: (discuss points from the sermon)

- a. Gives God glory
- b. reminds us He is not limited
- c. God always sustains
- d. Pain produces power
- e. Step toward being "all in"
- f. Jesus feels what you feel (John 11:39)

David taught that the depth of our pain matches the depth of power/strength that God provides. Are there times you have experienced this?

No matter what challenge you are facing, remember: **Nobody** can speak into your situation with more knowledge, understanding, and love than God!