



WHERE THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

A red metal pipe with a blue flange in the center. The pipe is shown in a perspective view, with the blue flange in the middle. The text is centered on the blue flange.

WHAT DO I DO  
WITH  
LIFE'S SINK

HOLES?

James 1:2-8







<sup>2</sup> Dear brothers, is your life full of difficulties and temptations? Then be happy,  
<sup>3</sup> for when the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow. <sup>4</sup> So let it grow, and don't try to squirm out of your problems. For when your patience is finally in full bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete.



<sup>5</sup> If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask him, and he will gladly tell you, for he is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask him; he will not resent it. <sup>6</sup> But when you ask him, be sure that you really expect him to tell you, for a doubtful mind will be as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind; <sup>7-8</sup> and every decision you then make will be uncertain, as you turn first this way and then that. If you don't ask with faith, don't expect the Lord to give you any solid answer.

God brings us trials and challenges in life.  
These "sink holes" are designed for our good.





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- EMBRACE – accept trials with JOY!



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- Develops spiritual maturity





# GOD'S RESOURCES FOR SINK HOLES

James 1:5,6

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- Ask Him for wisdom
- Believe He has your best interest in mind



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- Look for someone in a sink hole