**Oakbrook Church**

***Faith Awaits* – James 4:13 to 5:12**

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Every part of the book of James challenges us with the most basic and essential realities of life, driving us to face up to the truth about following Jesus Christ.   
  
In today’s passage we learn more about how authentic faith impacts the way we respond to every situation - including suffering. **True faith sees** **God’s signals in every situation.**

We can think of God giving us spiritual traffic signals. Sometimes we are blessed with spiritual green lights, sometimes we are protected with spiritual red lights, and sometimes we suffer with spiritual yellow lights.

When God gives you a spiritual traffic signal …

1. **Don’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lights**
2. **Don’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thru the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lights**
3. **Always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lights**

**Reflections for This Week:**

* What is the proper response when you are blessed?
* How does spiritual pride turn into gloating?
* What is the purpose of a spiritual red light?
* How does God show that He cares about your suffering?
* What kinds of spiritual traffic signals is God giving you?