James: A Handbook on Holiness

Joy and Trials

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Exhortation

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,

Reason

3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

Goal

4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Questions:

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What are some ways you often respond to trials?

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Are trials a reason for joy? Why? Why not? Notice James says "when you fall into trials."

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Why does James say "Count it" all joy in v. 2? Consider Phil. 3:8.

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What does it mean to "Count it all joy?" Consider Gen. 50:20; Rom. 8:28.

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What results do trials bring about? Trials produce the t_____, which produces s_____, which makes you p_____. How does each thing produce the next thing?

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What is God's goal in your trials, according to v. 4?

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What is one better way for you to respond in the next trial you face?

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