

Grace Norwalk. - 7/10/22.
James Pt.2 - 1:1b - 4

3. Why are trials different? What is the reason?

4. How do most people respond to trials?

5. How should we respond?

6. Why?

7. How are you going to see trials in your life from now on?

8. Have you learned anything from your trials?

9. How can you help others from your personal trials?

10. Do you see yourself growing as a result of your trials?

Have you ever experienced trials in your life?

Trials are Good for You. Romans 8:28

Trials Make Us More Dependent on God. Psalm 86:1-7

Trials Help Us Know God Better. Job 42:4-6

James 1.

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:
Greetings.

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Do you know the difference between temptation, a trial, and a consequence?

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V.2-12 James will focus on what trials are and how we should handle them

Today, James Is going to help us answer three questions about trials

I. What are the B things we should know about trials?

1. Trials are part of life.

- 2b. *whenever you face trials.... Not if you ever have trials but when will you have them!!!*
- (1 Peter 4:12-13).

¹² *Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.*

2. Trials will vary. They are all different!

^{2b}. *whenever you face trials of many kinds,*

Greek = poikilos

II. How shall we R to trials?

² *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters*

Consider it = is a command to respond to trials with an attitude of “Pure JOY”.

The word joy is often misunderstood. What is joy?

In her book “The Joy Filled Soul” Janine Lansing explains what Joy is very clearly.

I summarize here what she wrote on page 3 and 4,

Joy is not an emotion controlled by your circumstances

Emotions change, fluctuate and are influenced by circumstances, medication, people and many other things

Joy goes deeper, true joy doesn't change with the tide, Joy was designed to stay with us and to give us hope and encouragement throughout our day. It was designed to be a stabilizing force in our lives

In the context of James “Joy is an attitude of the heart that is supposed to stay with us to give us hope and encouragement throughout our trials”

“your attitude will determine your altitude” during trials!!!

Joy gives us a sense of assurance, tranquility! Why?

³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

Knowing : Ginosko = Carries the idea of the full understanding of what and why is it happening!

III. What is the main P of trials?

^{3b} *that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.* ⁴ *Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

- Endurance.
- Maturity & Completeness

Small Group questions.

1. If trials are part of life, why do some people complain when experiencing them? Give at least 3 answers.
2. Can you distinguish the difference between temptation, a trial or a consequence?