

SUMMER SERMON SERIES 2022

“Count It All Joy” V.1b-4

JAMES

FAITH ⊕ ACTION

GRACE NORWALK

Have you ever experienced trials in your life?

- **Trials are Good for You. Romans 8:28**
- *²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him.*

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- **Trials Cause Us to Be More Dependent on God.**

Psalm 86:1-7

¹ Hear me, Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

² Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; ³ have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to you all day long.

⁴ Bring joy to your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in you. ⁵ You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.

⁶ Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy.

⁷ When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.

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- **Trials Help Us to Know God Better.**

Job 42:4-6

'Hear, and I will speak;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.'

⁵ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,

but now my eye sees you;

⁶ therefore I despise myself,

and repent^l in dust and ashes."

- 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.

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James will focus on what trials are and how we should we handle them

- **V.2** **Our attitude during times of trials**
- **V.3-4** **The results of handling trials in God's way (Maturity)**
- **V.5-8** **Asking God for wisdom during trials**
- **V.9-11** **Trials don't make distinction of persons rich or poor**
- **V.12.** **The reward of persevering during trials**

Do you know the difference:

- Temptation
- Trial
- Consequence

James Is going to help us answer three questions about trials

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

1. Trials are part of life.

- 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.

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

2. Trials will vary, They are all different!

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

- Greek = Poikílos = Multicolored, multiform, diverse, varied in character

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II. How shall we respond to trials?

- ² *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters*
- Consider = is a command to respond to trials with an attitude of “Pure JOY”.

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- **“The Joy Filled soul”**

- *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*

Janine Lansing

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II. How shall we respond to trials?

- Joy is 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!

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III. What is the main purpose 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.***

1. Endurance
2. Maturity & Completeness

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