

Faith that A STUDY IN JAMES

James 1:2-4



1) The Reality of Trials





1. Trials are Inevitable

- a. God is Sovereign over Trials
- b. God uses Trials for our Good





2. Trials are Not Temptations

- a. Temptations come from Sin and are meant to Destroy us
- b. Trials come from God and are meant to Grow us





3. Trials are Various

- a. They were facing Persecution
- b. They were facing Poverty



2 The Response to Trials





- 1. This is Not Natural2. This is Supernatural
 - a. Joy is Only for Christians
 - b. Joy is a Deep Sense of Hope
 & Purpose

 Faith that



3. This is a Command

a. This is Not Joy in Trials themselves

b. This is Joy in the Result of Trials





4. This is a Choice

faith that
WERKS

a. We Must THINK through the Trial

- 1. Think of Eternal Life (1:12)
- 2. Think of God's Good Gifts (1:17)
- 3. Think of Ministry Opportunities (1:27)



b. We Must LOOK through the Trial

#1: Jesus = Joy was After the Cross

#2: Paul = Joy was God's Strength

#3: Childbirth = Joy was New Life



(3) The Reason for Trials





- 1. Increased Joy
- 2. Increased Knowledge
 - a. Grow in Objective Knowledge
 - b. Grow in Subjective Knowledge





3. Increased Holiness4. Increased Strength



(4) The Result of Trials





1. The Command2. The Outcome

- a. That you may be Perfect
- b. That you may be Complete
- c. That you may lack Nothing
- 3. The Gift



5 The Application

