

Questions

1. How did James identify himself in 1:1? Why does this identification matter?
2. What are some ways that James addresses how we think about trials and tests?
3. What does it mean to "count it all joy... when you meet trials of various kinds"? What is this joy and what is the reason for joy in trials?
4. What value is there for believers from the testing of our faith? Is there a way that a trial or test strengthened your faith in the Lord?
5. In what way(s) have you experienced God-given steadfastness during a trial?
6. According to James 1:4, what is God's intended outcome for the testing of your faith? Have you experienced that outcome?
7. According to James 1:9-11, what does a person with riches have in common with the person who is in poverty? How have you been tempted to not trust the Lord by either having riches or being in poverty?
8. When you are facing trials and your faith is being tested, why do you need wisdom from God? Have you cried out to Him before for such wisdom? How did He answer?

*After each service, if you need prayer,
someone will be available up front to pray with or for you.*

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The Testing of Your Faith

James 1:1-11

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James begins his letter by reminding believers that is both important and necessary for our faith to be tested, and he gives wisdom for how to endure such tests.

Faith, as described in James, is both defined and displayed.

Defined by its object – The Lord Jesus Christ (He is to be trusted as Savior, Lord, and Messiah)

Displayed by works of obedience. It's a faith that impacts every area of life.

Authorship – James, the half-brother of Jesus who became a key leader in the Jerusalem church.

Preparing for tests of our faith (1:2)

A practical example of the testing of our faith (1:9-11)

Enduring tests of our faith (1:3)

Crying out for help during tests of our faith (1:5-8)

God's intended outcome for tests of our faith (1:4)