

Studies In The Book James Faith In Action!

Lesson 2

Please begin your study through the Book of James by reading the entire book this week. Look for verses that would help you understand why James wrote this letter, what the main message he was conveying and how this letter applies to your life. Also read the "James Introduction".

Read James 1:2 – 4

Introduction: *"It is not easy to feel joyful during a trial, but this Scripture tells us we need to do so. The joy comes from looking beyond the testing to the fruit it will bear. Paul said, "We also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance, and perseverance, character; and character, hope" (Romans 5:3-4). God wants to bring you into a spiritual maturity and into a deeper relationship with Himself. So the next time you find yourself going through heavy testings, count it all joy. Realize you are getting closer to the purposes of God being accomplished in you."*

Pastor Chuck Smith

1. How do you handle trials when you are going through them? Do you count them with all joy?
 - According to Acts 5:40 – 42 what did the apostles do after being arrested and beaten for preaching and teaching God's Word?

 - What did Jesus say to his disciples in John 15:18 – 20, John 16:33?

 - Many times God will allow trials in our lives to train and discipline us. What do you learn from Hebrews 12:5 – 11

2. According to James 1:3 what will “*the testing of your faith*” produce in your life?

- What did the apostle Paul know concerning the process of tribulation and what it would produce according to Romans 5:1 – 5?

- According to 1 Peter 1:6 – 8 what are the three things that will be found in us after being “*tested by fire*”?

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3. Why should we let *patience have its perfect work* according to James 1:4?

- What does the phrase “*let patience have its perfect work*” mean to you?

