

Count It All Joy

Passage: James 1:1-4

I. The Lord Uses Trials to _____ Believers

- A. The Trials Come in Various Forms – vs. 2
- B. Trials Produce Perseverance of The Believer’s Faith – vs. 3
 - i. Trials invoke a “faith response” from the believer
 - ii. _____ and/or intense trials test the perseverance/endurance of one’s faith
 - iii. The Lord uses these trials to produce perseverance of one’s faith by providing sustainability through the means of _____.
- C. A Strong Faith That Perseveres is the Mark of Spiritual _____ – vs. 4

Implications Concerning the Believer’s Relationship to Pain & Suffering

1. No trial, no pain, and no suffering the Christian endures is _____.
2. No trial, no pain, and no suffering are eternal for the Christian.
3. No trial, no pain, and no suffering define who you are in Christ.

II. What We Learn of God While Walking Through Trials

- A. He is _____
- B. He is Providential
- C. He is Both Transcendent and Immanent
- D. He _____ Us Unconditionally and Infinitely
- E. He is Eternally and Infinitely _____

Implications of Learning of God’s Attributes During Trials

1. We can find comfort in knowing we are loved.
2. We have someone _____ to confide in and trust when we are broken.
3. We can find comfort in knowing that God truly is in control.

Conclusions

1. You can have joy in Christ no matter the present circumstances or the scars of the past.
2. You can joyfully worship and serve Jesus Christ as a beloved disciple even in the midst of the trials.
3. You can have joy, peace, and assurance in the knowledge that your trial, pain, and suffering is temporary, and that God will not allow it to be meaningless.