

Tears of Joy
Faith Works Part 6
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WELCOME

PRAYER

SHARE

Read: James 1:1-8

¹James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings. ²Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

Discussion

I. Embracing Trials with Joy (James 1:1-2)

- **Counter-Cultural Faith:** How does the idea of finding joy in trials challenge common societal or cultural beliefs?
- **Reflection on Health and Wealth Gospel:** Share your thoughts on the misconception that faith guarantees material success and health. How does this differ from the message of James?

II. The Purpose of Trials (James 1:3-4)

- **Personal Stories of Tested Faith:** Share a personal experience where a trial tested and ultimately strengthened your faith.
- **Understanding Spiritual Maturity:** Discuss what spiritual maturity looks like in practical terms. How do trials contribute to this?

III. The Role of Wisdom (James 1:5-8)

- **Practical Application:** How can we actively seek wisdom from God in our daily decisions, especially in difficult situations?
- **Doubt vs. Faith:** Discuss times when doubt has challenged your faith. How did you overcome those moments?

Closing Question

- **Group Reflection:** In what ways can we support each other in our spiritual journey towards maturity, especially during trials?

Prayer Requests / Praise Reports

REMEMBER TO TAKE ATTENDANCE

CARE: Follow-up during the week