

“The Wisdom of Trials”

New Hope Community Church

James 1:2-5

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I. Count it all joy (James 1:2)

- * *Trouble guaranteed... John 16:33*
- * *When life shatters and there is only Jesus...
Habakkuk 3:16-19*
- * *Trials produce perseverance... James 1:3*
- * *Trials refine us... 1 Peter 1:3-9*
- * *Trials mature us... 1 Peter 4:12-13*

II. Endure hardship as discipline (Hebrews 12:7-13)

- * *In trust and time*
- * *Trials produce holiness... Hebrews 12:10*
- * *Trials produce righteousness... Hebrews 12:11*
- * *Trials produce peace... Hebrews 12:11*

III. Ask God for wisdom (James 1:5)

- * *Trials get us talking to God... James 5:13*
- * *Trials drive us to our knees... 1 Peter 5:6*
- * *Trials drive us deeply into God's Word...
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- * *Trials cause us to cast ourselves upon Christ and
trust Him alone... Hebrews 12:1-2*

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Life Group Discussion Questions

Week of May 15, 2022

Read James 1:2-5 together.

1. *How and why should we "count it all joy" when we go through all kinds of trials ?*
2. *If we endure hardship as discipline, looking to Jesus, what will the trials eventually produce in our lives ?*
3. *If we ask God to give us wisdom we will understand that our trials cause us to do what important things ?*

How can we pray for you this week?