

JAMES - WEEK 2 - JOY IN THE SORROWS

"2 Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.

5 Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord, 8 being double-minded and unstable in all his ways." - James 1:2-8

1. The trials we face can lead to more than just ___pain___.
2. In the midst of our hard times, there are ___two___ things we can focus on.
3. In order to find joy in our biggest battles, we have to have unwavering ___trust___ in Christ.

Use space below for extra notes

Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you most from this sermon?
2. Read James 1:2-4 again. What counts as a trial according to James? Why do you think he was so generic?
3. What good things can come from hard times?
4. What two things did Eleya say we can focus on during hard times?
5. What happens if we only focus on ourselves, our situation, and/ or our pain?
6. What happens if we choose to focus on God, who He is, what He can do, and the truth about Him?
7. Why is trust in Jesus so crucial when it comes to prayer?

Helpful resources:

- Be sure to grab a James devotional! Use it for your time with God or to supplement whatever plan you're already doing!
- Remember we have a library in the gym where you can check out strong books that'll help you live out your faith.