

NUTS AND BOLTS: WEEK 1, FINDING GAIN IN PAIN

James 1:2-6

James 1:2 "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds..."

How Can I Find Gain in the Midst of My Pain?

I. 4 Things to Remember...

1. PROBLEMS ARE - sure to come
2. PROBLEMS ARE - not coming "when" you expect them
3. PROBLEMS ARE - unpredictable
4. PROBLEMS ARE – for a purpose

James 1: 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

3 Places to Find Gain Through Our Pain

James 1:3-4 ...because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Pain purifies my faith

"You know that the testing of your faith..."

Pain strengthens my patience

"... produces perseverance..."

Pain sanctifies my character

"so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything!"

God's First Purpose for my life is: To make me more like Jesus Christ.

II. HOW SHOULD I HANDLE PAIN

1. I should Rejoice

James 1:1 "Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials..."

2. I should ASK

James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."

3. I should Not Worry

James 1:6 "But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt ..."

James 1:12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.