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James 1:2-4

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**You WILL have trials...
(Probably lots of them).**

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³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33 (ESV)

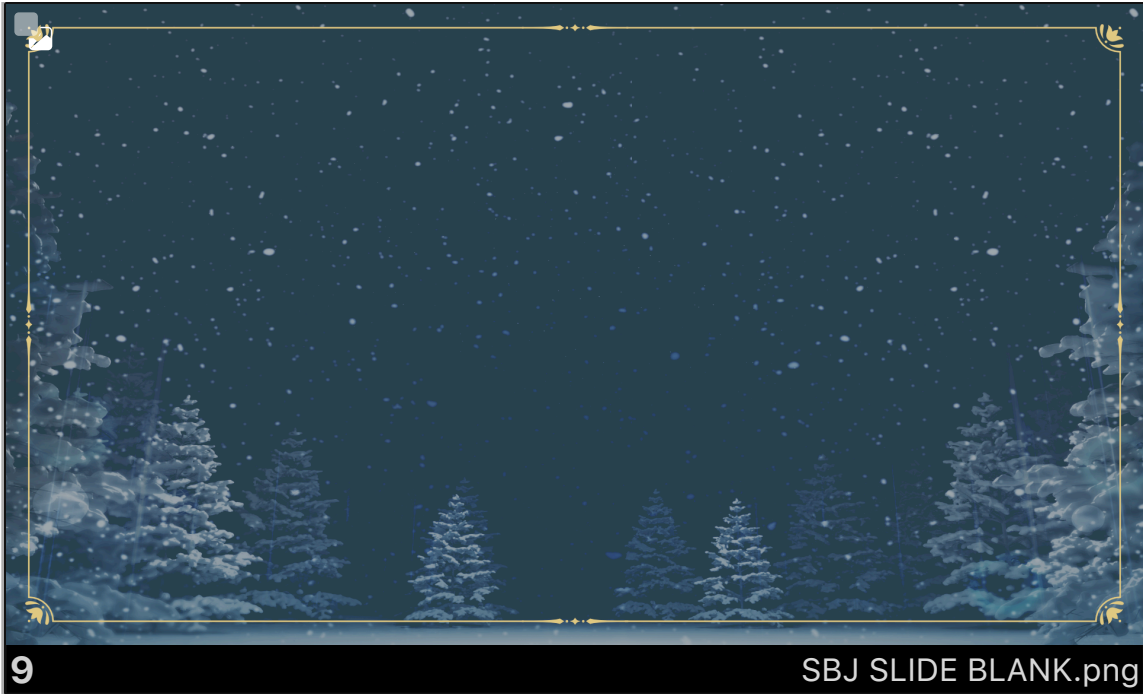
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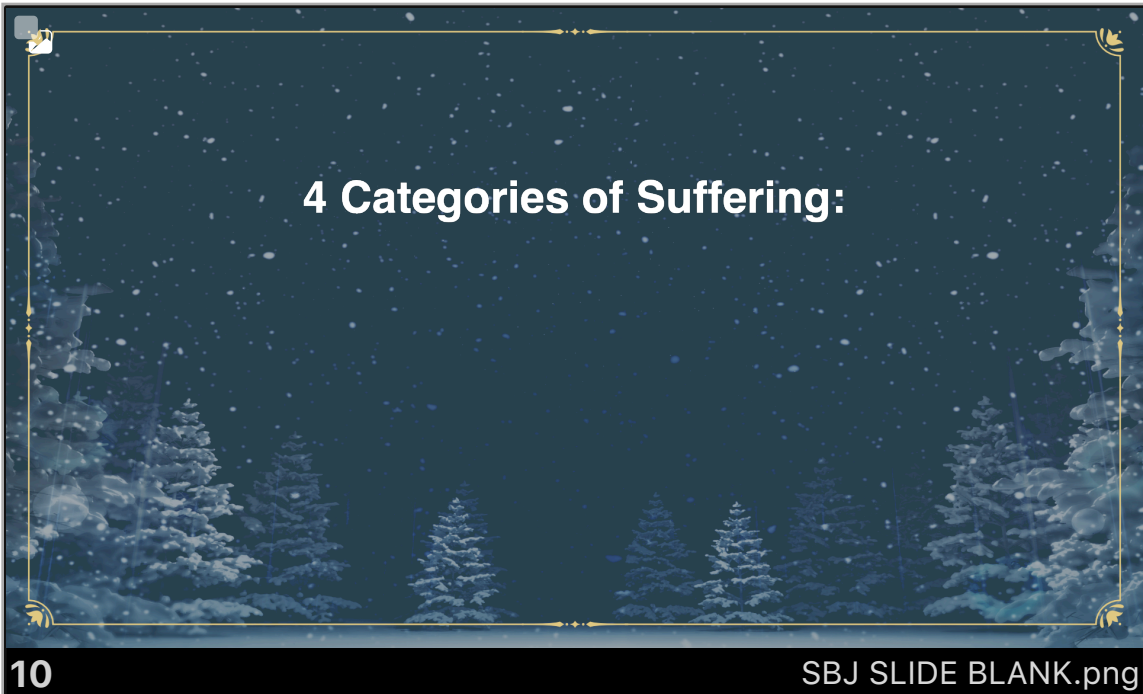
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Unexplained suffering – Like Job

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- add it all up, calculate the total**
- Its sum total = joy**

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**“for you know that the testing of your
faith produces steadfastness”**

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**We can count it “joy”
because it has a purpose**

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⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:6-7 (ESV)

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“This is a remarkable view of suffering, that if faced and endured with faith, it can in the end only make us better, stronger, and more filled with greatness and joy.”

Tim Keller

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“And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing”

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**Steadfastness over time leads
to completeness**

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¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope

Romans 5:1-4 (ESV)

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Jesus came to suffer

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⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:8-12 (ESV)

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²For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was
despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for
our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:2-5 (ESV)

**Jesus came to suffer
You are not alone when trials come**

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**²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means,
God with us).**

Matthew 1:23 (ESV)

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- 5. Don't go through trials alone**

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