

Joy In Suffering | James 1:2-4, 12-18
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James assures us that we will have trials and suffering in our lives and reminds us that there is a purpose for it.

The mentality towards trials:

James instructs us about how to think about trials, not how to feel about them.

Trials and suffering are not bad things turned into good things, but bad things that God uses to bring good effects.

The motive for trials:

Trials produce endurance, which helps us become complete in our faith.

To experience good from our trials requires us to make knowing Jesus and growing in His likeness, our primary goal in life.

The means for trials:

The reward - Eternal life awaits us at the end of our trials.

The Character of God - God's goodness carries us through our trials.

The Gospel - We will see Jesus and the end of all trials and suffering.