

Joy in Adversity

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

—James 1:2-4 (ESV)

There is **JOY** Awaiting You Even **IN** Your Adversity

1. You **WILL** Face Adversity

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

—1 Peter 4:12 (ESV)

2. God Can **USE** Your Adversity for **GOOD!**

A) To PURIFY Your FAITH

B) To GROW Your ENDURANCE

C) To GROW You UP

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

—Hebrews 12:2 (ESV)