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James 1:2-5

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

James is aware of trials.

- My brethren: a family that comes together
- Let: a believing heart
- Ask: We cannot do better unless we know better. Don't go through trials alone.
A believing heart
- Count: financial term, count trials in the joy column
- All: all means all
- Joy: something we have in the midst of all emotions
- Knowing: when you see God's hand in your circumstances, an understanding mind

Trials show us what is really important.

Tests prove authenticity. Faith is always tested. Testing is for our benefit.

When we go through trials we find out what is solid and what is shaky in our lives.

Trials reveal what your faith is in.

Ways to deal with trials:

- Ignore
- Fix
- Worry
- Just deal
- Blame others
- Suffer through it like a martyr
- Reject
- Deny

We are called to endure our trials and find joy in them. They reveal that we have faith.

