A Faith That Works Series

“Turning Trials Into Triumphs”

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James 1:2-4

A. It’s not hard to see why Chippie doesn’t ________ anymore and just sits and _________.
B. M. Scott Peck opens his book with this sentence: “Life is ____________.”
C. No matter what trials we face, through our ________ in God we can experience _________, and the result is spiritual ____________.
D. James starts by talking about the ____________ of the ________ we face in life.
E. Job 5:7, “man is born for __________ as surely as _________ fly upward.
F. When all kinds of trials come our way, it is so important we have the right ____________.
G. “Be a ___________, not a ___________.
H. How should we respond to the hard times that suddenly come upon us?
   “Consider it __________ ________” (James 1:2).
   1. This sounds rather ________, if not downright ____________.
   2. This is obviously not our _________ inclination or response.
   3. This is a __________ reaction made possible by the Holy Spirit.
   4. Here’s a practical thing: We must not trust our ________.
   5. We must seek to put our _______ in God and see things from God’s _________ point.
   6. Seeing things God’s way doesn’t cancel our trials or turn them into non-trials, but it does transform our __________ of those trials.
   7. Keep in mind that ________ can have different meanings - joy is the deep __________ that comes from having a relationship with God.
I. After giving the command to “count it all joy, James gave the reason:
   “because you _______ that the ________ of your faith produces __________. (James 1:3).
   1. We know it because God _____ so and we know it from __________.
   2. The word “testing” refers to the process by with ________ is purified.
   3. “When he has _______ me I will come forth as _______” (Job 23:10).
   4. In many ways, until our faith is put to the test, it remains ________.
   5. God uses our _______ to produc ____________.
J. James finishes this section on trials by describing the ________ outcome: “And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be _________ and complete, lacking ___________” (James 1:4).
   1. When our trials have finished their work in us, we will _____ lack _________.
   2. When trials come, we can’t always know ________ things happen.
   3. But we can know that God is at __________ in our trials for our _________.
K. We can’t choose our ________, but we can choose how we __________ to them.

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