

James 1:2-4 The Rocky Road to Intimacy

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.*

Review:

Trials and Temptations

Trial: At first glance looks undesirable, but can lead to something good.

- ▶ A trial, rightly handled, enhances our walk of faith.

Temptation: At first glance looks desirable, but can lead to something terrible.

- ▶ A temptation, wrongly handled, impairs our walk of faith and leads to sin.
- ▶ God never tempts a believer to sin.

Count:

- ▶ When we count, we take in more than the apparent situation.

Joy: Happiness that is dependent on Jesus rather than circumstances.

The “Why” of a trial:

Vr. 3 *“for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.”*

- ▶ The believer’s ability to _____ is a result of trials rightly handled.

Steadfast:

1 Samuel 17:32-37

Vr. 4 *“And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”*

- ▶ Trials may _____ our schedule, but can _____ our faith.

Perfect:

Complete:

Lacking nothing:

- ▶ The end result of trials, is a believer whose first response is _____.

