

# Glorifying God & Rejoicing in Trials

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**James 1:2-4** Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. <sup>4</sup> And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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## TRIAL

- **What is the trial?**
  
- **What is the source of the trial?**
  - **My own sin?** (1 Peter 4:15-16)
    - Name/List the sin(s):
  
  - **The Sin of Others?**
    - Believer
    - Unbeliever
    - Name/List the sin(s):
  
  - **A Fallen World**

## TEMPTATION

- **In this trial, how am I being tempted to sin and respond in unbiblical ways?**
  - **Toward God**
  
  - **Toward Others**
  
- **Name/List the specific temptations to sin in the trial:**

## **TRUTH**

### ➤ **How should I respond biblically and apply the truth of Scripture to this trial?**

- **Consider the source of the trial.**

- What does the Bible say about how I should respond based on the source of the trial or what I should consider based on the source of the trial?
- What does the Bible say about repentance and sanctification regarding my sins which are the source of my trials?
- How should I respond to believers who have sinned against me?
- How should I respond biblically to unbelievers who have sinned against me?
- How should I respond biblically to the trial that is the result of living in a fallen world?

- **Consider the character of God.**

- What attributes of God will help me in this trial?

- **Consider the providence and sovereignty of God.**

- How is God providentially using this trial for His glory, my spiritual good, the good of other believers, and the progress of the gospel?

- **Consider God's work of sanctification in your life.**

- How is God using this for my spiritual good?
- What idols of the heart is He exposing?
- What sinful desires and behaviors is He exposing and changing in me?
- How can I grow in my love for God in this trial?

- **Focus on faithfulness.**

- How can I focus on being faithful and glorifying God in this trial no matter what the length or outcome of the trial?

- **Focus on Christ.**

- Is Jesus Christ and His glory in my life my focus?
- How can I focus on His glory in this trial?

- **Focus on others.**

- How is God using this trial for the good of other believers and the church?
- How can I serve other believers in this trial?
- How is God using this trial for the progress of the gospel?
- How can I be a witness for Christ in this trial?