

Women of the Word

Week 6

Study with Process

Step 1 : Study with Purpose

We identified how James fits into the big story of the Bible as wisdom literature that focuses on the theme of redemption.

Step 2: Study with Perspective

We answered the archeological questions of who, what, when and why to understand the context of the whole book of James.

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Stage 1: Comprehension / Observation

Stage 2: Interpretation

Stage 3: Application

Stage 1: Comprehension

What Does it Say?

Repetitive Reading

- Read for comprehension
- Read 2, 3, 6 times if needed to get a basic understanding of the passage

Annotate

- Take note of words, phrases, ideas that are repeated or emphasized
- Highlight attributes of God
- Mark words or phrases that you do not understand
- Find key transition words

Define Terms

-Look up words that you do not know or understand

-If it is specifically a biblical word, use a Bible dictionary

Examples: sanctification, propitiation, atonement

Check other Translations

Read the passage in 2-3 other **good translations** to see if it provides better understanding

“Lord of hosts” ESV

“Lord of armies” CSB

Ask Important Questions

- What does the passage say about God?
- What does the passage say about humanity?
- What does the passage show about redemption through Jesus?

Stage 2: Interpretation

What does it mean?

★ Let Scripture Interpret Scripture ★

Cross References

-Look up other related scriptures, often other verses or passages in the Bible will bring clarity to the meaning

Paraphrase

-Try to summarize the passage in your own words

Consult Other Resources

-After you have tried to determine the meaning on your own, then you can check study bible notes or commentaries.

Stage 3: Application

How should it change me?

Respond to the Meaning of the Passage

- Praise God for his character shown in the passage
- Repent from any sinfulness revealed from the passage
- Ask God to help you to be obedient/changed from the passage

Practice

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

James 1:2-4

Practice Comprehension:

Annotate

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

- **What words, phrases, or ideas are repeated or emphasized?**

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

-Take note of words, phrases, ideas that are repeated or emphasized.

Steadfastness x2

Practice Comprehension:

Annotate

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

-Mark words or phrases that you do not fully understand or want to know more about.

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“Count it all joy”

“trials of various kinds”

“testing of your faith”

“steadfastness”

“have its full affect”

“perfect and complete, lacking in nothing”

Bible Study Guide Worksheet

Examples of Questions to Explore:

- Why should we count trials as joy?
- What are some of the kinds of trials James may have in mind?
- What does “steadfastness” mean?
- What does “let steadfastness have its full effect” mean?
- What does it mean that, “you may be perfect and complete”?

Practice Comprehension:

Annotate

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

-Mark key transition words

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

-Key Transition Words

“**for** you know”

“**And** let”

“**that** you”

Practice Comprehension:

Define

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

-Define words that you do not know or fully understand

-Define words that you do not know or understand

Steadfastness

-the quality of being resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering

-firmly fixed in place : immovable

-not subject to change

-firm in belief, determination, or adherence

Practice: Comprehension

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

Check other **Translations**

-CSB

-NASB

-NIV

-NKJV

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

Check other Translations : **NASB**

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you **encounter** various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces **endurance**. And let **endurance** have its **perfect result**, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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

Check other Translations: **CSB**

Consider it a **great** joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you **experience** various trials, **because** you know that the testing of your faith produces **endurance**. And let **endurance** have its full effect, so that you may be **mature** and complete, lacking nothing.

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

Check other Translations : NIV

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of **many** kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces **perseverance**. Let **perseverance finish its work** so that you may be **mature** and complete, not lacking anything.

ESV

Count →

Meet →

Steadfastness →

full effect →

Perfect →

Other Translations

Consider

Encounter; Experience; Face

Endurance; Perseverance

finish it's work; perfect result

Mature

Translations Explained

Notice: although some words or phrases were slightly different in various translations, it did not change the meaning of the passage.

Translating any language to another language requires choosing which words convey the meaning the best.

We can be confident in good translations of the Bible and we even have access to the Bible in its original languages and can check it to be sure the words are accurate.

Stage 2

Practice: Interpretation

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Cross Reference: look up other related scriptures

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Count it joy → Matthew 5:11-12

Trials → 1 Peter 1:6

Testing of faith → 1 Peter 1:7

Produces steadfastness → Romans 5:3, Hebrews 10:36, 2 Pet 1:6

Perfect and complete → 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Count trials as joy → Matthew 5:11-12

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

- Jesus said trials on earth are a blessing and a Christian's reward is in heaven.
- Jesus said God's people have always faced trials like persecution.
- Christians should rejoice because of their future reward.

Trials → 1 Peter 1:6 + Testing of Faith → 1 Peter 1:7

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

- Trials test the genuineness of our faith in Jesus.
- Trials test/refine our faith / sanctify us.
- Faith in Jesus is more precious than gold.

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-Trials in this life are temporary. *“for a little while”*

-Persevering in our faith through trials will bring praise, honor, and glory to Jesus.

Produces Steadfastness

Romans 5:3-5 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Hebrews 10:36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.

Produces Steadfastness

2 Peter 1:5-8

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Produces Steadfastness

Romans 5:3-5, Hebrews 10:26, 2 Peter 1:5-8

-Suffering through trials produces endurance.

-We need endurance to do the will of God.

-Faith + Steadfastness are two qualities we need and should be growing in. They keeps us from being “*ineffective and unfruitful*” in our “*knowledge of Jesus*”.

Perfect and Complete

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

-God is working to sanctify (make holy) his people.

-God will complete his work of sanctification.

What we know so far:

- James is showing us how to “consider” or think about trials.
- Steadfastness can also be translated as perseverance or endurance
- James, Jesus and Peter each encouraged christians to rejoice despite their earthly suffering.
- God’s people will face trials on earth but their reward is in heaven.
- Perseverance in trials produces endurance, tests and strengthens our faith (makes us more “mature”), proves the genuineness of our faith and will bring honor, praise, and glory to Jesus!

Practice: Interpretation

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

-Write a summary of the passage in your own words

Practice: Interpretation

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Christians can think about trials with joy, knowing that they can be used to produce endurance, strengthen their faith and make them more mature Christians.

Practice: Application

What does this passage teach me about God?

How does this aspect of God's character change my view of self?

What should I do in response?

Practice: Application

What does the passage teach me about God?

This passage does not speak directly about God. However, we can still learn things about his character & will from what we have studied.

Truths about God:

- God allows his people to go through trials.
- God uses trials in believers' lives to produce spiritual maturity.

Practice: Application

View of God: Truths

- God allows believers to go through trials.
- God uses trials in believers' lives to produce spiritual maturity.

How does this aspect of God's character change my view of self?

- I should not think that I deserve for my life to be free of suffering. I should expect to face trials as a follower of Jesus.

Practice: Application What should I do in response?

Praise God that he is working even in trials and suffering to sanctify me and bring glory to himself.

Repent from sinful attitudes or behaviors because of suffering.

Pray that God would help me persevere during trials and use them to strengthen my faith.

To Do This Week

Practice CIA on James 1:5-8

Read Chapter 7 *Study with Prayer* → **only 5 pages!**

Answer Questions for Chapter 7