

James 1:2-11

6 Commands: Because of Jesus I can...

Whiteboard Puzzle...

1. Consider it all joy when you encounter various trials
 - a. Intentional vagueness on the part of James. EVERYONE encounters trials of some sort!
 - b. **Why can we consider it all joy?**
 - i. The testing of your faith produces endurance
 - ii. So that endurance will have its complete result: being perfect and lacking in nothing.
 - c. **What does it look like to be perfect and lacking in nothing?**
 - i. Defined by Telos/*holoklēros*
 1. Whole, perfect, finished mature.

Trials have a direct correlation to our “wholeness” and perfection in Christ.

James then acknowledges our own need for wisdom usually brought on by trials.

1. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask!
 - a. **What do we learn of the character of God in this verse?**
 - i. He is a generous and loving God who will give freely without shame!
 - b. **What does our response need to be? How does that relate to the character of God?**
 - i. We must ask in faith, without any doubting—which becomes easier the more assure we are of God’s character and love for us.
 - c. **If we do not ask in faith what is the result?**
 - i. **Why do you think James mentions that?**
 - ii. Why are those prayers not answered?
2. Regardless of position, we are to glory in what God has given us
 - a. **Why can we do that?**
 - b. **How does that give us perspective while we are suffering?**

Summary/Application

How does Jesus allow me to:

(2) Consider it all joy when you encounter trials.

(4) Let endurance have its perfect result

(5) Ask for wisdom

(6) Ask in faith without any doubting

(7) Not receive anything

(9-10) Glory in high position/Glory in humiliation

What trials am I currently going through? How does God want me to respond? Am I allowing trials to develop my character or am I complaining about them?