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“Counting It Joy When Our Faith Is Tested”
James 1:1-12

I. When Our Faith Is Tested, It Comes With Purpose (1-2)

- Romans 8:28
- James 1:1
- The servant of Christ places their faith rightly in Him
- John 7:5
- 1 Corinthians 15:4-7
- James 1:2
- Philippians 1:29
- 1 Peter 1:6-8
- There is variety in trials but joy in Christ
- Spurgeon - “trials teach us what we are, they dig up the soul and let us see what we are”
- Psalm 16:11
- C.S. Lewis- hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny”

II. When Our Faith Is Tested, It Grows With Perseverance (3-4)

- James 1:3-4

III. When Our Faith Is Tested, It Grows With Prayer (5-8)

- James 1:5
- Romans 11:33
- When it’s hard we can still ask in faith
- James 1:6
- E.M. Bounds - “no learning can make up for the failure to pray”
- Hebrews 11:1
- James 1:7-8
- Testing becomes turmoil when we live double minded lives

IV. When Our Faith Is Tested, It Comes With Perspective (9-11)

- James 1:9-10
- James 1:11

V. When Our Faith Is Tested, It Comes With Promise (12)

- James 1:12
- There is a promise for those who persevere in Christ.
- 2 Corinthians 4:17
- Psalm 23:4-6