



I. INTRO

James 1:2-8 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ *he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

B. Key thoughts

- When, not if.
 - **My ability to count a trial joy will be based on what I know or, how I process the knowledge being presented to me.**
- It's your faith that's being tested
 - **Faith is tested through trials, not produced by trials**

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- When trials are met with faith – patience is the by-product
 - Greek word patience – “the frame of mind which endures”
- It's in trials that we need wisdom from God

II. KNOWING, DOUBLE-MINDED AND UNSTABLE

A. Knowing

- **My ability to count a trial joy will be based on what I know or how I process the knowledge being presented to me.**

B. If you learn it wrong, you'll live it wrong

- What if the knowledge you have is wrong?

C. Frames of reference

Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV) ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

- Framing can mean different things to different people.
- God's word framed the world – and your faith will frame your world
- **Your beliefs create a frame through which you view life**



D. Your world view

- The world is what you are looking at. Your world view is what you are looking through
- Whatever it is that we're looking through distorts what we're looking at

III. WHAT'S YOUR FOCUS?

A. Cropping the picture

B. Bible examples

- Peter walking on the water
- Joshua, Caleb and the 12 spies
- David his brothers and Goliath
 - Sometimes people can't see your frame, get around people that can understand your frame

IV. THAT YOUR FAITH WON'T FAIL

A. Be careful what you allow in your frame

- This is what the enemy is afraid of and wants to keep you from

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B. That your faith won't fail

Luke 22:31-32 (NLT) ³¹ "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. ³² But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers."

- Your faith is more important than your failure