

Prayer:

Lord, help us to see you in the hard things. Help us to know You and to trust You, especially when all that is in us what's to do things the way we want them done. Perfect our faith Lord.

What are some of our "hard things"?

James 1:2- 18 will be the focus.

What does "Consider (count) it all joy" mean?

- It is not natural to be joyful in trials.
- It's an action of the will.
- Where does the ability to do this come from?
 - Philippians 2:12-13
 - 2 Timothy 3:15

What does this passage say about trials?

- Trials have a purpose for the believer

What is God's role in trials? Where do they come from?

- testing your faith
- provider of wisdom
- giver of good and perfect gifts
- not tempting (1 For 10:13, 2 Peter 2:9)

Ecclesiastes 3:31-34, 38-39

Lamentations 7:13-14

What is your role in trials?

- Don't blame God for it.

How are we supposed to respond to trials?

- right focus
- ask for wisdom
- persevere
- find and follow God's will (in the word)

Read and Consider Ps. 119: 67, 71

Other passages that encourage the same wisdom?

- 1 Peter 1:6-7

When you feel overwhelmed by trials and are tempted to doubt God's goodness, remember His good gifts.

- Rom 8:31ff
- 2 Pet 1:3-4
- Prov 18:22; 19:14
- 1 Thess 5:18
- 1 Tim 4:4-5
- Ps 73:1, 17ff; 74:12ff; 80:8ff