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## Personalizing your trials and joy

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*James 1:3 ...for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.*

*<sup>4</sup>And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. <sup>5</sup>If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him.*

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Key: p 1: Maturity. Trials. .Anticipatory. Realized.

■ P 2: expose; shape. ■

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## Trials

Re-Routing: God's Back Roads to Joy—part 7

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What is Joy?

■ Definitions of joy: Certainty, Hunger, Belovedness, Glad surrender, Delighted dependence, Pouring. ■

Re-routing to Joy: Shattered dreams, Unmet longings, Brokenness, Loss of control, Fallen world. Heartache.

**Route to Joy #7:** T.

**Joy definition #7:** M.

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*James 1:2 (RSV) Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials ...for you know ...*

■ “Count it all joy” – “Hegeomai” – ■

**Joy?**

■ A Joy ->Trials—>Testing-> ■  
Steadfastness->Maturity->R Joy

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“Trials” – “Peirasmos” –

■ Trials test our faith in two senses:

- Trials **e**\_\_\_\_\_ the kind of faith we have.
  - Trials sharpen, **s**\_\_\_\_\_ and deepen faith.
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**Reason for joy #1? Steadfastness.**

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<sup>3</sup> for you know that the testing of your faith produces **steadfastness**.

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“Steadfastness” - “hupomonen” –

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**Maturity**

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“**Perfect**” – “Telestai”

■ “**Complete**” – “Holokleroi.”

“The pain of problems and the profit of persistence.”

■ **Joy of maturity.**

James 1:2 (RSV) **Count it all joy**, my brethren, when you meet various **trials** ...

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Anticipatory Joy ->Trials—>Testing->  
Steadfastness->Maturity->Realized Joy

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