

# PROGRESS WEEK 02

## WEEKLY READING JAMES 1:19-27

### **SHORT SUMMARY**

In this message, we explore the opening of James' letter, emphasizing his role as a bondservant and the significance of his counsel. James encourages us to embrace trials with joy, recognizing that they are instrumental in developing patience, maturity, and completeness. We learn that trials are part of our growth journey, shaping us to become more like Jesus. Wisdom from God is crucial in navigating these challenges and transforming them into opportunities for spiritual development.

#### **PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, we come before You, seeking joy in our trials, understanding that these challenges shape us to be more like Your Son, Jesus. Give us wisdom to navigate our difficulties with grace and strength, trusting in Your ultimate plan for our growth and transformation. Help us embrace trials as opportunities for deepening our faith and becoming complete in You. Amen.

## **KEY SCRIPTURE — JAMES 1:1-5 NKJV**

<sup>1</sup> James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings.

<sup>2</sup> My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. <sup>4</sup> But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. <sup>5</sup> 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.

# SUNDAY

TIME/DATE	Q1 JAMES INSTRUCTS US TO "COUNT IT ALL JOY" WHEN FACING VARIOUS TRIALS. HOW HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED JOY IN DIFFICULT TIMES, OR IS THIS A STRUGGLE FOR YOU? WHAT PRACTICAL STEPS CAN YOU TAKE TO POSTURE YOURSELF WITH JOY, EVEN IN THE MIDST OF CHALLENGES?
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	Q3 JAMES ENCOURAGES US TO ASK GOD FOR WISDOM IN TIMES OF TESTING. HOW CAN SEEKING GOD'S WISDOM CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE DURING TRIALS? WHAT ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN INTENTIONALLY SEEK WISDOM IN YOUR CURRENT OR PAST CHALLENGES?



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