

The Genuineness of Your Faith

1st Peter 1:6-9

Intro: James' teaching on trials in James 1:2-8

- Trials are Inevitable v. 2
- Trials are Profitable v. 3
- Trials are to be Accepted v. 4
- Trials are to be Prayed Through vv. 5-8

I. The Dual Experience of Joy & Grief v. 6

- A. Joy & sorrow are not mutually exclusive
- B. Trials have a divine purpose
- C. Trials are temporary (Romans 8:18)

II. The Refining Work of Trials v. 7

- A. Trials demonstrate faith's authenticity
- B. Job 13:15

III. The Aspects of a Life of Faith v. 8

- A. We love Jesus
- B. We believe Him
- C. We rejoice because of Him

IV. The Future Aspect of our Faith v. 9

- A. Romans 8:23
- B. Philippians 3:20-21
- C. Ephesians 1:13-14

Conclusion: We walk by faith, not by sight