# James 1:2-4 (ESV) – Supreme Satisfaction

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, **3**for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. **4**And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

I believe the Lord wants to speak to us this morning about difficulties in the Christian life, some of their purpose, and the pursuit of joy in the Lord; with the aim of strengthening and growing us in the faith for our greatest, eternal good (finding supreme satisfaction in Christ alone).

**Sermon Notes**

Exposition of the passage

Why/how do we count it joy? What is it about trials that can facilitate joy?

**If steadfastness and spiritual maturity (supreme satisfaction in Christ) is to happen, then we must know:**

1.) The Christian life is not ultimately about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2.) The testing of our faith is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3.) God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our suffering.

Other Scripture referenced: 1 Peter 4:12-13; 2 Corinthians 7:4; Genesis 50:20; Philippians 4:13 (and surrounding context); 2 Corinthians 4:16-18