

When Life Tumbles in James 1:1-8

Intro: There is nothing more universal than Trials.

It is no respecter of persons. Life tumbles in on us.

Important question for trials, “What will I do with it?”

***Ambitions shattered *lose loved ones and friends**

***Dreams broken * health lost**

Denial *Positive thinking as if it never happened

*** Just endure**

**James suggestion is strange “COUNT IT ALL JOY-
UNMIXED JOY WHEN YOU ARE SURROUNDED
WITH ALL KINDS OF TRIALS!”**

**We are impatient with anything short
of pleasure, free from pain.**

****** We should desire maturity of an
overcoming faith – conquering faith**

******Count it all joy when life tumbles in
on you because you may discover the power
of prayer.**

A source of strength

**Moses – “ If you will not forgive their sin... blot
me out,”**

**David “Restore to me the joy of your
salvation.”**

Jesus “Not my will, but your will be done.”

Prayer is your greatest power!

**Anything that drives you to prayer is
a blessing**

V5. ask wisdom

******Count it all joy when life tumbles in**

Because you may gain an unshakable faith in God.

V6. Unwavering -undoubting -no tossing

Job,” I have heard You by hearing of the ear; but now my eyes see You.”

***Faith to know He is there and that He cares!**

To really know God is to know Him in disaster!

****** Count it all joy when life tumbles in because you may discover the real values of life**

Vs9-11 Real joy is not in worldly ambitions

Eternal vs temporal

Without sorrow, suffering, and trials – we would lose sight of everything that really counts

ILL. Disney ---great villains

Not cars, houses, luxury, bank account BUT

Families, churches, friends, and GOD!

Trials may grasp for the first time a sense of values.

******Count it all joy when life tumbles in because we can see how life may be perfected.**

-God's purpose is specific - holiness in life - conformed to the image of Christ

- Maturity

-Every Christian molded by trial

Conclusion Early Paul vs older Paul

Thorn of the flesh