

"FINDING PURPOSE THROUGH YOUR PROBLEMS"

JAMES SERMON SERIES

JAMES 1:2-5

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Introduction

4 Facts about Problems

James 1:2-4 – *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

1. Problems are _____
2. Problems are _____
3. Problems are of _____
4. Problems are _____

3 Ways to Face your Problems

1. _____

James 1:2 – *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds.*

Psalm 34:1 – *I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

Romans 5:3-5 – *Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

2. _____

James 1:3-4 – *for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

Psalm 27:8-9, 13 – *You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek." ⁹Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! ... ¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!*

Lamentations 3:21-23 – *But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

3. _____

James 1:5 – *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.*

Psalm 91:15 – *When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.*

Conclusion

Kintsugi – The ancient Japanese art of mending broken objects with gold teaches us that if we choose to embrace our struggles and repair ourselves with love, we become more beautiful for having been broken.