

Sermon: Joy in trials

Bible Verses: James 1:2-3

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Central point: Trials are God's means of _____ until the end

- Trials → _____ → _____

- Key texts: 1 Peter 1:6-7; Romans 5:2b-5; Colossians 1:21-23; Hebrews 4:12-14

I. Preach this truth _____

- Joy is not _____

II. Don't let go of _____ when trials come

- Not ____, but _____

- The _____ nature of the Gospel

- Do not take joy in _____ – do take joy in _____

III. Avoid a _____

- It has often been tempting for believers to _____ to “suffer for Christ”

IV. Don't _____ the sovereignty of God

- It can be _____ to only think of God getting involved _____ the trial comes

- Only God gets to see the _____ mosaic, but He says it's _____ and _____