

PART 3: Life-Altering Events

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START

The storms of life can hit hard. We have all experienced storms in life of various intensities. Whatever the intensity of the storm, the storms in our life shape us. They can shape us positively or negatively depending on how we view the storms in our life.

- How do you view the storms in your life?
- What helps you keep your focus on God during a storm?
- What storm are you currently facing?

READ

James 1:2-3 (NIV)

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

THINK

James tells us to consider it pure joy when we face trials. This can be difficult to do. Often during trials we do not consider joy to be a natural reaction to those trials. However, joy is not dependent on our circumstances and therefore can transcend and be with us even in our most intense storm.

- On a scale from 1-10, how would you rate your current level of joy?
- How can joy manifest itself during the storms that we face?
- How can we continue to anchor our joy in who Jesus is and what He has done?

James continues to tell us that the testing of our faith produces perseverance. Oftentimes our most significant spiritual growth happens during times of extreme difficulty. While we might not always see what God is doing in the moment, or how we might grow from it, we can trust that God is working in our lives for our good.

- How is God shaping you during your storm?
- How is God strengthening you during your storm?
- How is God sustaining you in the storm?

PRAY

"God, I know I will face storms in life. Allow me to pay attention and draw close to you during my storms. Help me to be attentive to how you are shaping, strengthening, and shaping me."

ACT

This week, take some time to spend with God concerning the storm you are facing and reflect on how God is shaping you, strengthening you, and sustaining you during your storm.

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