



Scripture

James 1:1-11

Look for our event!





Overcoming the Eeyore in All of Us

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Acts 11:19 -

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch

Acts 11:28-30 -

And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

I. Embrace Trials Joyfully - Vs. 2

Acts 16:19-25 -

But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, “These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods...

Acts 16:19-25 -

And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God.

II. Three Reasons to Embrace Trials Joyfully:

A. Trials Forge Character - Vs. 3-4

I Peter 1:6-8 -

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.

II. Three Reasons to Embrace Trials Joyfully:

B. Trials Grow Faith - Vs. 5-8

Matthew 7:7-11 -

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

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Jeremiah 33:3 -

Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

Jeremiah 29:13 -

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

II. Three Reasons to Embrace Trials Joyfully:

C. Trials Increase Humility - Vs. 9-11

Revelation 3:17 -

For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.