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**Reasons for Joy #5: Driven to w\_\_\_\_\_.**

*James 1:2 (RSV) Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials ...*

*James 1:3 ...for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.*

*<sup>4</sup>And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. <sup>5</sup>**If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God**, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him.*

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Key: p 1: Maturity; Trials. Anticipatory.

P 2: Steadfastness. Maturity.

P 3: Realized

P 4: wisdom.

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## Trials and Testing

Re-Routing: God's Back Roads to Joy—part 7

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What is Joy?

Definitions of joy: Certainty, Hunger, Belovedness, Glad surrender, Delighted dependence, Pouring.

Re-routing:

Re-Routes to Joy: Shattered dreams, Unmet longings, Brokenness, Loss of control, Fallen world, Heartache

**Route to Joy #7: M\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Joy definition #7: T\_\_\_\_\_.**

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## Trials AND Joy?

**Reason for joy #1: A\_\_\_\_\_joy.**

*James 1:2 (RSV) **Count it** all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials ...*

“Count” – “Hegeomai”

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Trials—>

Anticipatory Joy—>

Steadfastness—>

Maturity—>

Realized Joy

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“Trials” – “Peirasmos” –

“Various” -

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**Reason for joy #2: S\_\_\_\_\_.**

*James 1:2 (RSV) Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials, <sup>3</sup> for you know that the testing of your faith produces **steadfastness**. <sup>4</sup> And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

Steadfast: Hupomonen.”

- “Patient enduring” – (2 Cor. 1:6)
- “To bear up courageously” – (Matt. 10:22; 24:13)

“The pain of problems and the profit of persistence.”

**Reason for joy #3: M\_\_\_\_\_.**

*James 1:2 (RSV) Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials, <sup>3</sup> for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup> And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be **perfect** and **complete**, lacking in nothing.*

“Perfect” – “Teletoi”

“Complete” – “Holokleroi”

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**Reason for joy #4: R\_\_\_\_\_joy.**

Trials—>

Anticipatory Joy—>

Steadfastness—>

Maturity—>

Realized Joy

*2 Corinthians 7:4 I have spoken to you with great frankness; I take great pride in you. I am greatly encouraged; **in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds**.*

a. I know that trials will test me. It won’t immediately bring “good” feelings.

b. To count something joy is *initially* a mental discipline, and a command to follow.

c. The kind of joy comes when you see (or others see) progress in your Christian maturity, conduct, character or style of relating.

d. This kind of joy is powerful because it strikes a blow against our shame, guilt, sense of failure, and repeated failure to be what we long to be—mature like Christ!

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