



PURE JOY...BLESSING... REALLY??

JAMES 1:2-4

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. LET PERSEVERANCE FINISH ITS WORK SO THAT YOU MAY BE MATURE AND COMPLETE, NOT LACKING ANYTHING.

I PETER 3:14

BUT EVEN IF YOU SHOULD SUFFER FOR WHAT IS RIGHT, YOU ARE BLESSED. "DO NOT FEAR THEIR THREATS; DO NOT BE FRIGHTENED."

1. THE _____

ACTUALLY PRODUCES THE BEAUTIFUL _____.

2. _____ DOES NOT HAVE

TO MEAN _____.

3. THE _____ IN

THE EARTHEN VESSEL IS ACTUALLY _____.

4. SOMETIMES WE NEED TO BE _____

A BIT TO REVEAL _____.

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1. Re-read James 1:2-4. What is your initial reaction to this passage? Do you struggle to be joyful in your trials? How do we do this?
2. How has God blessed you in your suffering?
3. Why do you think God allows us to suffer at times? Share how you have experienced suffering and how God brought you through the experience. What did you learn?
4. Are you persevering through something right now? Share with the group and pray for one another.



Thanks for gathering with us today!