

Count Your Blessings

"The Blessing of Trials. . ."

As we continue in our series on *Count Your Blessings*, this morning we're going to consider *"The Blessing of Trials. . ."*

We All go through Trials in Life

- Trials of many kinds – James 1:2
- Count it pure joy? Is that even possible? – James 1:2; 1 Thess. 5:16-18

The Blessing of Trials

- Trials test our faith – James 1:3; Mark 9:21-24; Matthew 19:1-22
- Trials produce maturity and make us complete – James 1:4; 1 Pet. 5:8-10
- Trials bring us closer to God – James 1:5; 4:7-10; 5:10-11

How God wants us to Respond

- It starts with having the right perspective – James 1:2; Romans 12:2
- Don't fight it, embrace it – James 1:3-4; Romans 8:28
- Ask God for wisdom – James 1:5-8; Ephesians 6:13-18
- Persevere to the end! – James 1:12; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10