

RESPONDING IN ADVERSITY WITH JOY

I. The fact of adversity

- A. James 1:2 “When” not “if”
- B. 1 Peter 4:12 Don’t think it strange
- C. Fall into – Didn’t plan; situations we can’t control & didn’t cause.

II. Count it all joy

- A. Count it joy – It is a faith term; Consider, account, reckon
 - 1. Doesn’t say it was joy or feels like joy.
 - 2. Everyone practices something.
 - 3. Certain things we cannot get out of; we have to get through
- B. Knowing this: a right response to adversity develops endurance.
 - 1. Don’t say it came from God, He doesn’t attack His own.
 - 2. What life & the devil mean for evil God can turn it to our good
- C. 1 Peter 1:5-8 We can get the gold out of it and pile up rewards.