



**Sermon Notes – Steve Southards – 04/14/2024**

***James 1:2-4 NLT***

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

***2 Corinthians 4:17-18 NLT***

For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

**Deeper levels of Confidence.**

***Timothy 1:7 NLT***

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

**Greater levels of Compassion.**

**Richer experiences of Contentment.**

**Increased Capacity to wait on God.**

***Psalms 23:4 NLT***

Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me.