

“Forging the Fundamentals”

James 1:9-11

Intro:

Think about these words, “*Take pride in your low position.* Or, to put it another way – *Take pride in your humiliation.*”

Verse 9 – The key word is _____ = It can be rendered as “*poor in _____ resources*”, as well as “*poor in _____ resources*”.

It also means = _____, *insignificant*, _____, and, *of trivial power and significance*.

Verse 10 – The key word is _____ = *To be _____, to be full, to be resourced, to be _____.*

- To say it another way: “*Take pride in that time that you were _____.*”

Why would you do that? Not only “*who would do that*”, but *why would you do that*?

- Rejoice in the day when you _____ that out.

When have you experienced a time when you were brought low, reduced, and came up hungry for God?

Everything in between vs. 2 and 12 are, in some sense, about a trial, and James is giving ministry instruction about how to go through a trial.

Regarding trials, there are some things that we need to know

1st – *trials are _____.*

2nd – *trials can _____ a purpose – **they test faith.** They reveal what is real in faith, and what is false in faith.*

3rd – *trials _____ Wisdom*

4th – *trials, in ways that nothing else can do, _____ you*

*They also _____ into you, they _____ upon you and _____ into you **fundamentals of faith.***

Trials have power to press into your life, *in ways that nothing else does*, _____ of Kingdom life

- If you are reduced, ***that is the day that saved your life.***
- Anyone who tries to find life, or fill up their life with anything other than God, _____ .

Trials, like nothing else, have the power to make “things” fade.

Application: Can you give a story of a time when everything was stripped away, everything that you trusted in, everything that made you “feel rich” – But when that thing that you were trusting in, trying to get your life from, was taken away – *went through a fiery trial – was burned up and faded* – it left you looking up to God, and you found grace and you found forgiveness and found healing and life!

- **What do you know (Kingdom truth) that is true, true – that was revealed through a trial?**
- **Check out the parable of the soils in Matthew 13**