

Joy Has a Lens
James 1:1-4 (ESV / NKJV)

Focus is important. When we focus, we are not pulled in every direction.

James writes to believers who are scattered, pressured and tested.

The Lens of Identity (v.1)

James identified as a bondservant.

“Before you define yourself by your difficulties, stop and remember whose and who you are.” – Elder Michelle Jackson

Remember who Jesus said you are!

The Lens of Reality (v.2)

We can't act like the trials aren't there.

“...live in this world and make an impact.” – Elder Michelle Jackson

The Lens of Intentionality (v.3)

God uses trials with purposed intention.

“Testing carries the idea of proving something genuine. Is not a temptation to make you fail or fall.” – Elder Michelle Jackson

The Lens of Maturity (v.4)

Grow like Christ, think like Christ, respond like Christ and live like Christ.

“God wants maturity on the inside, and wholeness on the outside.” – Elder Michelle Jackson