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THE QUARANTINED

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*What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our life group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?*



## GROUP DISCUSSION

- Count it all joy, my brothers, (James 1:2)

What is the difference between *joy* and *happiness*? True or false: “As a follower of Christ, I can have a deep sense of well-being, regardless of my circumstances, even if I feel angry, sad, fearful, or embarrassed.” Explain.

... when you meet trials of various kinds, (vs. 2)

What types of trials are there? What kind do you seem to face more frequently?

... for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. (vs. 3)

Best guess: how many problems do you face in an average day? How does addressing or solving problems shape you as a person?

What do you do with the “needs improvement” areas of your spiritual development, once you become aware of them?

And let steadfastness have its full effect, (vs. 4)

When God is trying to teach you something, is it possible to only learn “half a lesson?” Explain. What causes some people to give up before God has completed His work in them? What might keep you from grasping everything God has for you?

... that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. (vs. 4)

Humanly speaking, explain what these spiritual goals look like in *real life*:  
1. *perfect*; 2. *complete*; 3. *lacking nothing* ... especially after a person has endured a trial in the way James describes.

## PLAN OF ACTION

How has this time of trial brought things to the surface that perhaps you've been ignoring, or about which you were never even aware? What do you want to be like when this trial is over? What's a small step you can take this week to start heading in that direction?