

When Life Gives You...

Rev. JP Lim | James 1:2-18

Watch

Watch the sermon. As you watch, take notes on anything that stands out to you. Pay careful attention to the context of the biblical text, insights and principles highlighted, and any supporting scripture mentioned.

** KEY TAKEAWAYS**

When life gives you lemons (or tangerines, or lessons)...

- Cultivate genuine joy, knowing that it is profitable for spiritual maturity
- Fervently seek God's wisdom, in complete trust and full obedience
- Enduring hope is found not on earthly riches but on eternal rewards
- Guard against temptations and embrace God's unchanging goodness

Talk It Through

1. "Trials are opportunities for growth, not just obstacles." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
2. According to the message from James, what does it mean to "count it all joy" when facing trials? How does this perspective shift the way we typically view problems or hardships? What does this teach us about God's role in our trials, and what does it reveal about how He shapes our character?
3. How do you usually respond when life gets uncomfortable or uncertain? How easy or hard is it for you to seek God's wisdom instead of relying on your own instincts or the opinions of others? In what ways might that reflect your current level of spiritual maturity?
4. What's one current challenge you're facing that you can start viewing as an opportunity for growth rather than just an obstacle? What's one practical way you can guard yourself from temptation or discouragement during tough seasons, and instead lean into God's goodness and promises?

Pray

Close your time together with prayer.