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Count it All Joy

God has given us a living hope that trials cannot take away. His grace strengthens us to keep believing, walk in His love and stand on His Word.

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Count it All Joy	Pastor Jason Gillick
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Sunday, October 18, 2026	1 Peter 1:2-25 ; James 1:2

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 Begin with what God has already given you.

- Before we face a trial, we need to know what we have received in Christ. His grace supplies wisdom, strength and ability to live for Him. His peace steadies our hearts as we trust Him. ([1 Peter 1:2](#))
- Through Jesus' resurrection, we have been born again into a living hope. Our inheritance does not wear out or lose its value when circumstances change; God keeps us by His power through faith. ([1 Peter 1:3-5](#))
- Live from that hope by staying close to the One who gave it. Love God actively with your heart, mind, soul and strength, keeping fellowship with Him at the center of daily life. ([1 Peter 1:3-5, 8](#))

Grace is unmerited favor. Grace is wisdom, strength, ability, opportunity. The grace of God is what we run on.

STUDY [1 Peter 1:2-5, 8](#)

02 Let that hope shape your response to trials.

- Trials can bring real grief without taking away our reason to rejoice. We count it all joy because our hope is in what God has promised and what He will bring us through. ([1 Peter 1:6-7](#); [James 1:2](#))
- Resistance to faith comes as we live in a fallen world; it does not mean God wants to send harm into our lives. When pressure exposes a wrong attitude, let Him deal with it instead of holding on to it. ([1 Peter 1:6-7](#))
- Refined faith brings honor to God as His life becomes visible in us. Keep walking with Him through the valley rather than settling into despair, trusting Him for the peace and rest you need along the way. ([1 Peter 1:6-7](#); [Psalm 23:4](#))

We can face things that we're not liking. And it's okay to tell God, "I don't like it, but I'm expecting a miracle in this situation."

STUDY [1 Peter 1:6-7](#); [James 1:2](#); [Psalm 23:4](#)

03 Keep your heart in faith and love while you walk through it.

- Being wronged does not have to leave us carrying offense. Jesus forgave those who wronged Him. Follow His example by choosing forgiveness as you continue trusting God with what has happened. ([Luke 23:34](#); [1 Peter 1:6-7](#))
- Our confidence rests in the faith Christ has given us, rather than in strength we have built for ourselves. Keep loving Him and believing Him even when you cannot yet see the outcome. ([1 Peter 1:7-9](#); [John 20:29](#))
- That steady trust keeps salvation in view. We have received the salvation the prophets searched to understand. Rejoice in what Christ has done and let His joy strengthen you as you remain faithful to Him. ([1 Peter 1:8-12](#))

Know that Christ has set you free and delivered you even from the wrongness that is done to you. Was Jesus wronged? But He said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

STUDY [Luke 23:34](#); [1 Peter 1:6-12](#); [John 20:29](#)

04 Let your love for God lead you into holiness.

- The hope we have received calls for a response. Set your mind on His grace and leave behind the desires that ruled before you knew Him; holiness means belonging to God and living for His purposes. ([1 Peter 1:13-16](#))
- Reverence for God teaches us to take our conduct seriously. As love matures, obedience grows from a heart that values fellowship with the Father and does not want to damage that relationship. ([1 Peter 1:17-21](#))
- Remember the price paid for your freedom: the precious blood of Jesus. We obey the truth through the Spirit's strength, allowing His Word to cleanse our lives as we turn away from former patterns. ([1 Peter 1:18-23](#))
- That obedience must include sincere love for one another. A life separated to God should show His love in the way we treat people, with a pure heart and a willingness to put His truth into practice. ([1 Peter 1:22](#))

So while you are walking in obedience to the Word of God through His Spirit, it's to be done in sincere love of the brethren. Love one another fervently with God's love, with a pure heart.

STUDY [1 Peter 1:13-23](#)

05 Stand on the Word that will not pass away.

- God has brought us into new life through His living Word. Human strength and glory fade, but His Word endures, giving us a firm foundation as we continue to grow in Him. ([1 Peter 1:23-25](#))
- Let that enduring Word shape what you do each day. Remove what He tells you to remove, obey what He has made clear and speak His promises over your life rather than fixing your attention on the pressure. ([1 Peter 1:13-16, 22-25](#))
- Go forward with confidence in the One who redeemed you. Stay in Christ and keep your eyes on His promises; the Word He has placed in your heart will strengthen you to live the life He has called you to live. ([1 Peter 1:21-25](#))

We're going to speak the Word of God over ourselves daily, decreeing and declaring His promises. And we will not take our eyes off the promises of God, but we will stay in Him.

STUDY [1 Peter 1:13-16, 21-25](#)

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Read the Word in context.

[1 Peter 1:2-25](#)

[James 1:2](#)

[Psalm 23:4](#)

[Luke 23:34](#)

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PERSONAL RESPONSE

How will you put the Word into practice?

What has God promised that you need to hold before your heart in a current trial?

Where do you need to forgive someone and continue walking in faith?

What former pattern is the Holy Spirit asking you to leave behind as you obey Him?

How will you act on God's Word and speak His promises into your daily life this week?
