May 2021 Restoration Women's Council – Class #2 Called To Be Pearl-Makers



Pearl Making Process

In order to protect itself from an irritation, the oyster will quickly begin covering <u>the uninvited</u> <u>visitor</u>, grain of sand, with layers of nacre — the mineral substance that fashions the mollusk's shells. Layer upon layer of nacre, also known as mother-of-pearl, coat the grain of sand until the iridescent gem is formed.

Instruction from the Scriptures

<u>2 Corinthians 7:4</u> Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you; <u>I am</u> filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.

James 1:2-4 My brethren, <u>count it all joy when ye fall into many afflictions;</u> 1:3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

1:4 But let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

<u>Peter 1:6-7</u> Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations; 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ;

A Biblical Response

- Admonition = Count it all joy
- 1. <u>Both James verse 1 = count it all Joy</u>
- 2. Peter verse 6 = Greatly Rejoice = Our Response is to be joyful
- Be like the Oyster = Cover that irritation with Nacre = (Nay-kur)

Oh, Ouch, That Grain of Sand Hurts -- I Better Wrap Some Joy Around It



Think of Nacre = As Joy and wrap that grain of sand "Your Trial" in Nacre/Joy. Nacre is = Thanking & Praising God, Rejoicing in your affliction, even when you do not feel like it!

The Living Jesus Can Give You Joy Even in Tribulation



<u>Romans 8:28</u> And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

We can offer the Sacrifice of Praise because = God has Promised us He will Transform Trials Into Something Beautiful



Through the Sacrifice of Praise & Thanksgiving, which is the Sacrifice of being Joyful in our trials, you will reap "The Riches of Eternity." Our ability to rejoice in our suffering is a gateway that leads to "Not Only Joy in This life but in Eternal Life."

<u>James 1:12</u> Blessed is the man that resisteth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

<u>Romans 12:12</u> Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.

<u>**1** Thessalonians 2:19</u> For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

<u>**Revelation 21:21-23</u>** And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl; and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.</u>

22 And I saw no temple therein; for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. 23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

