JAMES
putting faith to work
Here are the songs we sang this Sunday. This shows the song name, the artist who performed the song, and the cd that contains the song.

*How Firm a Foundation* – HYMN

*Whom Shall I Fear* – Chris Tomlin – *Burning Lights*

*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)* – Hillsong United – *Zion (Deluxe Edition)*

*Holy Spirit (You Are Welcome)* – Francesca Battistelli – *If We’re Honest*

*Consider It Joy* - Graham Kendrick – *What Grace*
Faith at Work Amidst Difficulties

Putting Faith to Work (part 1)

James 1:1-11
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Hypomone: “remain under”
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  34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6:34)
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perseverance → lacking in nothing
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trial

lacking in nothing
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trial

lack of: health, money, job, peace in relationships
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JOY
God 

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perseverance 

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lacking in nothing 

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trial 

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joy!!
We can rejoice in our trials because God is producing in us what we truly lack.
To count it pure joy, we need God’s wisdom (vv.5-8)

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. 6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.
An example of vv.2-8 lived out (vv.9-11)

9 Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. 10 But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. 11 For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.
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- As believers, we all have an incredibly high position in Christ
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- It is often those who are poor in status or poor in material possessions who appreciate the things that really make one truly rich.
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conclusion