



Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast

October 6, 2024

“James 2: Faith, Trials, and Action”

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” (James 1:2-4, NIV)

After reading James 1:2, most of us immediately recall our own personal trials and tribulations. And we probably don't immediately find “joy” in these challenges!

We may be going through a tough time at work or struggling in a relationship. Instead of giving in to frustration, we should think of it as a chance to develop patience and resilience. When things get difficult, we should lean into our faith, trusting that God is working something deeper in us.

James 1:3-4 tells us these challenges are like exercises for our faith—they strengthen it. If we let them, they'll make us mature and grounded, lacking nothing.

Just as muscles grow through exercise, our faith grows when it's tested. So if we're facing financial strain or personal loss, we remember that these struggles can help us develop inner strength and endurance. Over time, we become wiser and more compassionate, prepared for even greater challenges.

James Chapter 1 calls us to embrace a faith that is tested through trials and lived out through action. It begins with a bold challenge—to find joy in our struggles, knowing that perseverance leads to maturity. In a world where hardship often overwhelms us, this teaching reminds us to look beyond immediate suffering and see God's greater purpose.



Raquette Lake Chapel History (from “The Raquette Lake Chapel – The First 50 Years”) Wrought Iron Chandeliers

“Two wrought-iron chandeliers, originally from the Antlers Hotel, were donated by Blanche and Lee Krinsky in 1962. A third matching chandelier was later rescued by Bea Waldron, who found it en route to the dump. These chandeliers continue to grace the chapel's interior.”



Prayer Box: pray for healing Bill and support for Margo; pray for healing for Holland and Steve; pray for comfort and protection for Justin and comfort for his family; pray for an end to the divisiveness our country; pray for those affected by hurricane Helene.

Lord, hear our prayers!