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This week we looked at our first principle: _____. It is critical we accept this before we can experience joy in the furnace. If we feign denial, claiming we don't have trials, believing we can avoid them by being good, wealthy or healthy enough, or if we are convinced we are somehow exempt from trials, we will live a miserable, frustrating life. Accepting trials as a part of our lives is also accepting joy in their midst. We can have joy in the furnace.

What are the trials—the furnace—you are experiencing right now?

Write James 1:2-4 below. Begin memorizing it and speak it aloud whenever you find yourself facing the trials in your life—even the little day-to-day trials.

Are you ready to stop asking, "Why me?" and allow God to teach you how to find joy in and through your trials?