

THE GOOD FIGHT

A knight in full plate armor is shown from the waist up, holding a sword aloft with his right hand. The knight is positioned in the lower center of the frame. The background is a dramatic sunset or sunrise over a body of water, with a large, bright sun low on the horizon. The sky is filled with warm, orange and yellow light, and the water reflects this light. The overall mood is heroic and inspiring.

WINNING WHERE IT
MATTERS MOST

Intro: Don't enter the good fight without the armor!

Everyday battles:

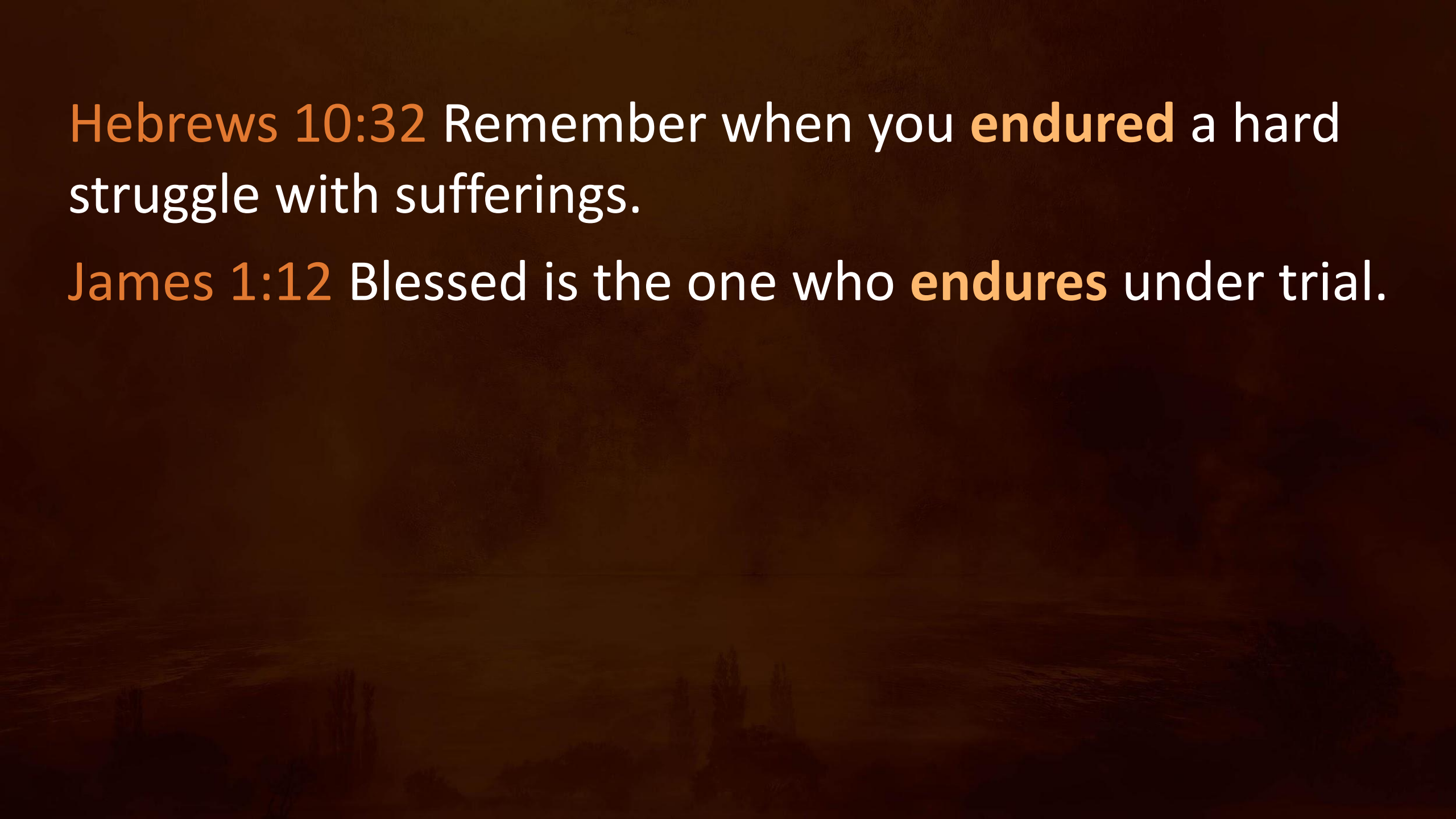
1. The battle in and for the mind
2. The battle for mental health
3. The battle against temptation
4. The battle for relationships
5. **The battle for endurance**

Japanese proverb: Fall seven times, stand up eight.

Proverbs 24:16 The righteous fall seven times and rise again, but the wicked stumble in times of calamity.

Matthew 24:13 The one who **endures** to the end will be saved.

2 Timothy 2:10 I **endure** all things that people may be saved.



Hebrews 10:32 Remember when you **endured** a hard struggle with sufferings.

James 1:12 Blessed is the one who **endures** under trial.

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Hebrews 12:1-4 (ESV)

² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-4 (ESV)

³ Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Hebrews 12:1-3 (ESV)

⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

Hebrews 12:1-4 (ESV)

Orthodoxy: **straight belief**
(ortho) (doxy)

Orthopraxy: **straight behavior**
(ortho) (praxy)

ORTHODOXY

FALSE TEACHERS

1 Timothy 2:18 – “they have departed from the truth”

Acts 20:30 – “even from your own number, men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them”

ORTHODOXY

DON'T DRIFT FROM THE TRUTH

Hebrews 2:1 – “We must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it.”