

Faith Works

James 1:1-6

James 1:1-6 (NIV) “James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings. ²Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶But 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.”

Three things James gives us to handle your problems.

1. Rejoice

James 1:2 (NIV) “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds,”

Consider *verb* [con-sid-er]: to think carefully about,
especially in order to make a decision; contemplate; reflect on

James 1:3-4 (NIV) “because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything”

2. Request

James 1:5 (NIV) “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”

3. Relax

James 1:6 (NIV) “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.

Matthew 26:39_b (NIV) “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

Matthew 26:42_b (NIV) “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

Matthew 27:46_b (NIV) “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Luke 23:46_b (NIV) “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”