

THIS IS THAT - The Opportunity
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A faith that has been *tested* is a faith that can be *trusted*.

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.
- James 1:2-4

- **The Goal: a TRUSTED faith.**

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- **The Path: a TESTED faith.**

...because you know that the testing of your faith produces *perseverance*. - James 1:3

- **The Choice: JOY.**

Consider it pure *joy*, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds. - James 1:2

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!
- Philippians 4:4

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. - James 1:12

- **The End Result - a REWARDED faith.**

⁶ So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. ⁷ These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. ⁸ You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. ⁹ The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.
- 1 Peter 1:6-9