

(James 1:2-4) Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

--- Faith Tested ---

1. Is my walk with God _____ or _____?

(James 1:8) Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

2. Is my faith in _____ or the things God _____?

(James 1:9-10) Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them. And those who are rich should boast that God has humbled them. They will fade away like a little flower in the field.

3. Is my _____ growing or my _____ growing?

(James 1:14-15) Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

I am a true everyday disciple.

• This world is _____.

(Matthew 24:35) Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.

• Overcoming _____ and walking through _____ is a part of how we grow in our faith.

(2 Corinthians 4:8-10) We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.

• Our faith walk with Jesus will _____ this world.

(2 Corinthians 4:14) We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself together with you.

• _____ this way.

(2 Corinthians 4:17) So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

--- Eyes focused on Eternity ---

(James 2:14-15) What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing,

✓ We are _____.

(Romans 12:5) We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

(James 2:16-17) and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

✓ We are _____.

(Mark 10:35) For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

(James 5:19-20) My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

✓ We are _____.

(2 Corinthians 5:11;15;18;20-21) Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to persuade others. He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.