

The background is a solid light green color. In the corners, there are stylized illustrations of green foliage. The top-left corner features a branch with several long, thin, pointed leaves. The top-right corner shows a branch with smaller, more rounded leaves. The bottom-left corner has a branch with elongated, pointed leaves. The bottom-right corner features a branch with small, oval-shaped leaves. The foliage is rendered in various shades of green, from a light sage to a darker forest green.

James

Discovering God's Delight in a Lived-Out Faith



My Family

How to Thrive in Tough Times

Can anyone relate??




James 1:1-4

1 -James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings. 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.


Who is James?

**James, a servant of God and of
the Lord Jesus Christ, To the
twelve tribes scattered among
the nations**



**He doesn't claim to be Jesus'
near relation or even one of
Jesus' apostles, rather a slave of
God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Now, that's humility! He
actually had quite a bit to boast
about if he had wanted** to.



Let's look at James Salutation

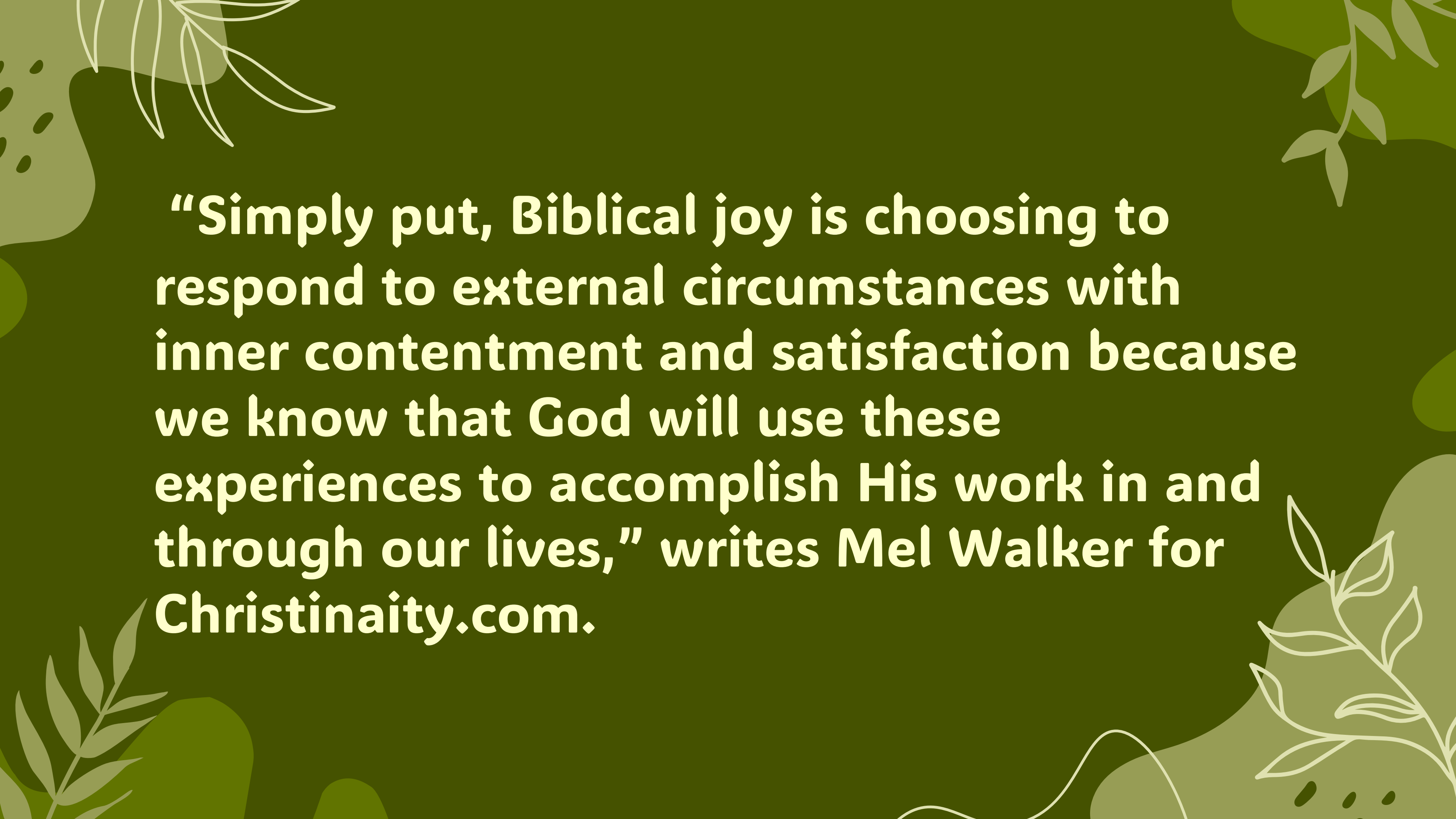
James 1:1

Greetings in the Greek word **chairein**, which carries a deeper meaning than a simple hello; it's an **invitation to rejoice.**

**Have you ever found yourself in
the middle of a challenging
situation and wondered, Why is
this happening to me?**

James 1:2

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



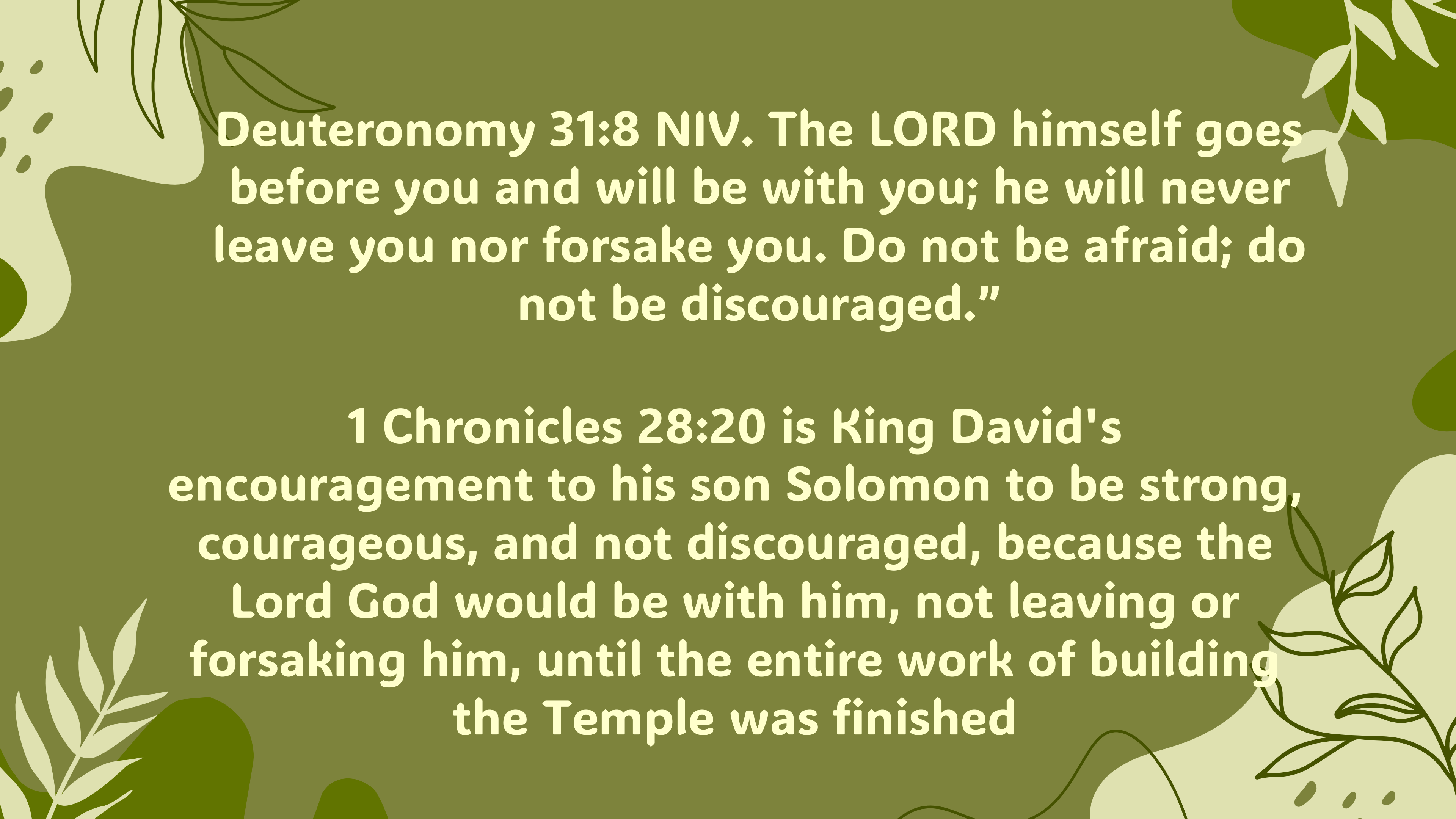
“Simply put, Biblical joy is choosing to respond to external circumstances with inner contentment and satisfaction because we know that God will use these experiences to accomplish His work in and through our lives,” writes Mel Walker for [Christinaity.com](https://christinaity.com).

3 -- because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

James is telling us that we should find joy not because what we are going through is easy but because we know that God is producing something good in us!!

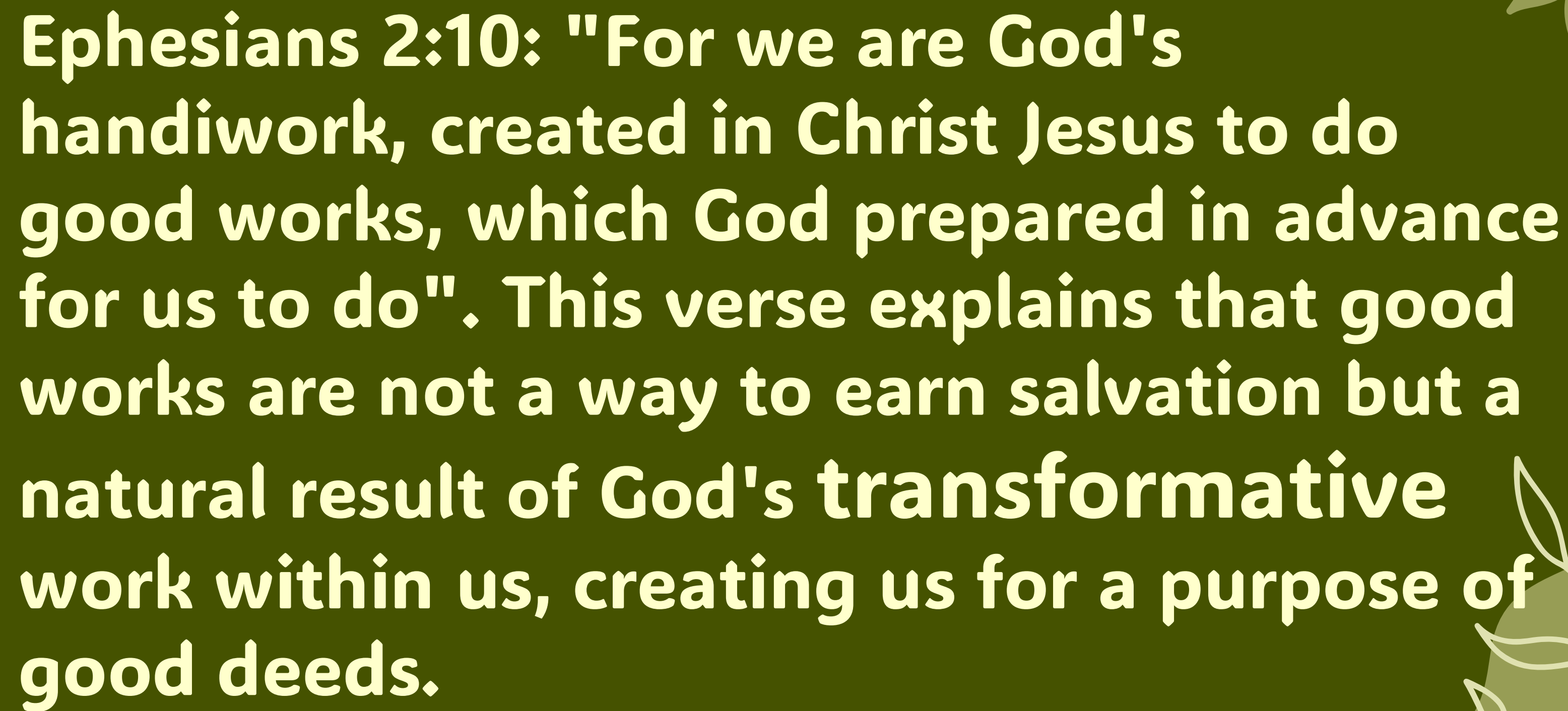
**4 -Let perseverance finish its work
so that you may be mature and
complete, not lacking anything.**

**God does not just send us into these trials
alone – He goes with us and before us
God will not abandon us – He is with us
through it all!**



Deuteronomy 31:8 NIV. The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

1 Chronicles 28:20 is King David's encouragement to his son Solomon to be strong, courageous, and not discouraged, because the Lord God would be with him, not leaving or forsaking him, until the entire work of building the Temple was finished



Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do". This verse explains that good works are not a way to earn salvation but a natural result of God's transformative work within us, creating us for a purpose of good deeds.



Through our trials God is teaching us something

It might be immediate --It might not be

You might get it the first time --You might not

There is no pain without purpose

**Everytime we face a trial forces use back into the
arms of Jesus**

Our actions reveal our faith

