

Faith that Works: Faith Through Trials

James 1:1-8

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

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

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

John 7:3-5 (NIV): ³ Jesus' brothers said to him, "Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do. ⁴ No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world." ⁵ For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Mark 3:21 (NIV): ²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

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1 Corinthians 15:5-7 (NIV): ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James...

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

James 1:2-4 (NIV): 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.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Acts 5:41 (NIV): The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

perseverance = “toughness, staying power”

MAIN POINT: **Consider it pure joy no matter what.**

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James 1:5 (NIV): ⁵ 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.

wisdom = discerning what God’s best is

“let him ask the constantly giving God”

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

James 1:6-8 (NIV): ⁶ 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. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

Will you allow trials to defeat you or to grow you?

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