

A blacksmith's anvil is shown in a dark, industrial setting. A bright, glowing fire is burning on the anvil, surrounded by a large amount of sparks and embers that are flying through the air. The sparks are bright orange and yellow, creating a dynamic and energetic scene. The background is dark, with some blurred elements of the forge.

Character

forged in fire

Integrity (genuine/trustworthy/honorable)

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Faith (courage/boldness/trusting in God)

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Loyalty (committed/faithful)

Resolve (steadfast/longsuffering)

Compassion (caring/generous)

Romans 5:1–5

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***When have you needed to persevere through a trial?
What did it do for your character?***





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