

Transformation through Trials

James 1:2-6

1:2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers 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.

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- Trials are inevitable
- Trials are unpredictable
- Trials are diverse
- Trials can be purposeful - “*Realize that they come ... to produce in you ...*” (JB Phillips paraphrase)

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Three purposes of trials:

Trials can purify our faith

“You know that the testing of your faith ...”.

- Do you believe that I am in control?
- Do you believe that I am good - no matter what you see or face?
- Will you wait on me by faith until the darkness becomes light?

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Trials strengthen our ability to persevere

“...testing develops perseverance, (*hupomone*)...”

Trials sanctify our character

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- Request - 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God
- Rest
- Rejoice - 1:2 Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials.