

Remaining Resilient: Making Sense of Trials

James 1:1-5 (ESV) 1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. 2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

John 16:33 (NLT) I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

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Luke 10:19 (NLT) 19 Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you.

1. Trials Are An Opportunity For Joy.

- **James 1:2 (ESV)** Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds
- **Romans 8:28 (NLT)** And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

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2. Trials Reveal Faith.

- **1 Kings 19:19-20 (NKJV)** 19 So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him. 20 And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"
- **James 1:3a (NIV)** because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance

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3. Trials Are An Opportunity To Build Endurance.

- **James 1:3b (NIV)** ...because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

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4. Trials Produce Nothing Without Our Decision.

- **James 1:4 (ESV)** And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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5. Trials Are An Opportunity To Gain Wisdom.

- **James 1:5 (ESV)** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

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