

A FAITH THAT ISN'T TROUBLED BY TROUBLES

A Faith That Works When Life Doesn't - Part 2
16 Bible Principles For Living During a Pandemic

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"This letter is from James, a servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ: To all of God's people who have been scattered everywhere in the world. Greetings!"
James 1:1 (NCV)

"When all kinds of TROUBLES crowd into your lives don't resent them as intruders but welcome them as friends! REALIZE these TROUBLES come to test your faith, and to produce in you the quality of endurance. So let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed in you. Then you will become a person of mature character and integrity with no weak spots."
James 1:2-4

I. FOUR TRUTHS ABOUT TROUBLES

1. TROUBLES ARE _____

"WHEN all kinds of troubles crowd into your lives . . ."
James 1:2a

2. TROUBLES ARE _____

"When ALL KINDS of troubles crowd into your lives . . ."
James 1:2b

3. TROUBLES ARE _____

"When all kinds of troubles CROWD INTO your lives . . . as intruders . . ."
James 1:2c

4. TROUBLES ARE _____

"Realize these troubles come . . . TO PRODUCE in you . . ."
James 1:3

II. THREE PURPOSES OF TROUBLE (vs. 3-4)

1. TROUBLES _____

"These troubles come to TEST YOUR FAITH . . ."
James 1:3a (NCV)

2. TROUBLES _____

"You know that such testing of your faith PRODUCES ENDURANCE."
James 1:3

3. TROUBLES _____

"Let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be STRONG IN CHARACTER and ready for anything."
James 1:4 (NLT)

"You will be MATURE AND COMPLETE, lacking nothing."
James 1:4 (HCSB)

III. HOW GOD WANTS US TO RESPOND TO TROUBLE

1. _____
"My friends, when you have many kinds of troubles, you should be full of joy . . ."
James 1:2 (NCV)

We don't rejoice FOR the trouble, but we can still be joyful DURING the trouble because of what we know is true.

"WE KNOW that in everything God works for the good of those who love him."
Rom. 8:28 (NCV)

2. _____
"If, in the process any of you doesn't know how to meet any particular problem, you only have to ask God who gives wisdom generously to any who ask without making them feel guilty - and you may be sure that the necessary wisdom will be given to you."
James 1:7 (Ph)

3. _____
"But when you ask God, you must sincerely believe and expect him to answer without doubting him."
James 1:8

David: "When I was helpless, God saved me. I said to myself, 'Relax, because the Lord takes care of you.'"
Psalm 116:6-7 (NCV)

4. _____
"Happy are those who remain faithful under trials, because when they succeed in passing such a test, they will receive as their reward the life which God has promised to those who love him."
James 1:12 (TEV)

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