



**KEEP
CALM**

| LIFE IS COMPLICATED |

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ON**

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him. James 1:12

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The Complication of Conflict

James 1:1-4

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James 1:1-4

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A _____ Introduction

James:

Oldest half-brother of Jesus	Mark 6:3
Rejected the Messiah	John 7:5
Witnessed the resurrection	1 Cor. 15:7
Leader in church at Jerusalem	Acts 12:17
Led at the Jerusalem Council	Acts 15
Wrote a letter about "genuine" faith	
Martyred for faith in Jesus Christ	

“There is no such thing as a changeless faith. There is an unchanging God who is using everything in my life to create change in me.”

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A _____ Instruction

James 1:2

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2 Corinthians 4:7-11

In a world where we like everything to be instantaneous, our faith causes us to learn and to lean on the One who does the glorious in our lives through the worst life has to give.

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James 1:2-4

**Will you choose to be _____
or to be _____?**

James 1:2

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Joy = _____

It is the recognition within that regardless of what is happening without, God is at work.

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**Have you embraced God's
_____ or merely
indulged your _____?**

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Testing = _____

"Trials are not electives in God's school; they are required courses." —John Phillips

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Romans 8:28-29

1 Peter 1:6-7

“When all kinds of trials and temptations crowd into your lives my brothers, don’t resent them as intruders, but welcome them as friends! Realize that they come to test your faith and to produce in you the quality of endurance. But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed, and you will find you have become men of mature character with the right sort of independence.”

—J. B. Phillips

**Are you willing to endure
with _____ or are you only
seeking escape the _____?**

Steadfastness = _____

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Philippians 1:6

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“Hoping does not mean doing nothing. It is not fatalistic resignation. It means going about our assigned tasks, confident that God will provide the meaning and the conclusions. It is not compelled to work away at keeping up appearances with a bogus spirituality. It is the opposite of desperate and panicky manipulations, of scurrying and worrying. And hoping is not dreaming. It is not spinning an illusion or fantasy to protect us from our boredom or our pain. It means a confident, alert expectation that God will do what He said He will do. It is imagination put in the harness of faith. It is a willingness to let God do it His way and in His time.” —Engene Peterson

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