

FAITHFUL...IN THE MIDST OF TRIALS
“Faithful” Series Part 1

Joy (Chara) is an attitude God’s people adopt not because of happy circumstances, but because of their hope in God’s love and promise.

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” **James 1:2-4 1.**

1. _____ IN _____

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds...” **James 1:2**

(Jesus) “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” **Matthew 5:11-12**

“And the disciples were filled with joy ...” **Acts 13:52a**

“rejoice in the Lord”. **Philippians 3:1**

“...whenever you face trials...” **James 1:2b**

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross.” **Hebrews 12:2 2.**

2. _____ PRODUCES _____.

“...because you know the testing of your faith produces perseverance.” **James 1:3 3.**

3. _____ THE _____ - EMBRACE THE TESTING.

“Let perseverance finish its work ...” **James 1:4**

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

4. THE _____ IS _____

“so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” **James 1:4**