

FAITH WORKS

The Book of James

Faith Works in Tough Times

James 1:1

"James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings..." (NIV)

James was written to _____ Christians in an increasingly hostile environment to live lives dependent on God and _____ over to the presumed comforts of the world.

James 1:1

James 1:2 & 3

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." (NIV)

When trials come, don't just rush to how you feel about it!
Go to how you will interpret the trial! Consider!

Consider there may be a different way to _____
_____ – let faith work!

When Faith is at Work:

1/ Trials reveal your _____.

The challenges we face in life don't just test us; they _____.

2/ Trials make you _____.

James 1:3

"...because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." (NIV)

"Faith must be tested, because it can only become your intimate possession through conflict." – Oswald Chambers

3/ Trials help you _____ to Jesus.

Sometimes there isn't a good answer to our questions about trials and difficulties, but something is always true: _____.

Faith Works: Your pain is not where God is absent; your pain is where _____.

Psalms 46:1

"God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble." (GNT)

4/ Trials don't have to have _____.

Romans 4:25

"He was delivered over to death for our sins, and was raised to life for our justification." (EST)

James 1:2–4

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." (NIV)

"The main thing God gets out of your life is not the achievements you accomplish. It's the person you become." – Dallas Willard

Hebrews 12:1 & 2

"And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (NIV)

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