

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

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<sup>5</sup>If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

—James 1:1-5 ESV

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“The capacity to finish well is what the New Testament writers called *endurance* or *perseverance*. It is the virtue by which we become increasingly able to honor commitments that ought to last a lifetime. It is especially the ability to honor commitments when honoring them becomes difficult.”

—John Ortberg

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“Faith is something forged,  
not simply something learned.”

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Expect Tests

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Expect Tests  
Tests Come Unexpectedly

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Expect Tests

Tests Come Repeatedly

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I have said these things to you,  
that in Me you may have peace.  
In the world you will have  
tribulation. But take heart;  
I have overcome the world.

—John 16:33 <sup>ESV</sup>

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Expect Tests

Tests Come With Variety

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Choose Joy

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“Our values determine our  
evaluations.” —Warren Wiersbe

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“We thank Him for sun,  
Do we thank Him for rain?  
We thank Him for joy,  
Do we thank Him for pain?  
We thank Him for gains,  
Do we thank Him for losses?  
We thank Him for blessings,  
Do we thank Him for crosses?

—*The Power of His Presence*  
Adrian Rogers

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## Embrace Adversity

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... so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

—1 Peter 1:7 ESV

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. —Romans 8:28 ESV

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“Suffering alone does not produce perseverance, only suffering endured somehow by faith.” —John Ortberg

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For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.

—2 Corinthians 4:17 ESV

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## Pray Expectantly

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“Wisdom is the art of living skillfully in whatever actual conditions we find ourselves.” —Eugene Petersen

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“We need wisdom so we will not miss the opportunities God is giving us to mature.” —Warren Wiersbe

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<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God...

<sup>30</sup>And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

—I Corinthians 1:18, 30 ESV

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Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

—I Corinthians 15:58 ESV

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