

Faith Turns Trials into Triumphs

Scripture: James 1:1-12

Faith develops a joyful perspective

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds" (v2)

"Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings." (Romans 5:2-3)

Faith deepens our complete perseverance

"for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." (v3-4)

"knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope." (Romans 5:3-4)

Faith drives our believing prayers

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting." (v5-6)

"the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us . . . And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose . . . Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (Romans 8:26-39)

Faith delights in an everlasting promise

"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. (v12)

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." (Romans 8:18)

