

# REAL FAITH TRIUMPHS

At our lowest moments, it can be hard to hold onto God when it feels like all is hopeless. But our faith isn't led by our circumstances, but by trusting God through it all! A Christ-filled life might sound like it should be free from suffering, but James reminds us that trials and tribulations are always inevitable. Trials reveal how genuine our faith is, and instead of wallowing, we must examine ourselves if we are indeed in Christ (2 Corinthians 13:5). Real faith is anchored on God, on His truth, is constantly examined, tested, and matured in our journey to be more like Christ every day!

## REJOICE IN TRIALS

When facing problems, it's in our instinct to react in anger, sadness, or even confusion. Yet even in our trials, God commands us to rejoice! Trials can arise depending on personal choices, environments, or just abruptly without reason. We are to rejoice in faith, knowing God's work in us will produce a heart that is whole and steadfast even in the time of testing (James 1:2-4). We are to be reminded that the testing of our faith produces something that is much more valuable than what we may have lost, and how we persevere through it brings glory to God (1 Peter 1:6-7).

## PRAY FOR WISDOM

God calls us to pray for wisdom! Jesus doesn't stop us from asking questions. He calls us to come to Him when we struggle in our unbelief (Mark 9:23-24)! Even in asking for wisdom, we must ask in faith, and act in faith (James 1:5-6). True wisdom will always align with God's word. It is acting upon God's guidance in full obedience, not a suggestion that can be opted out. Despite all the things that we don't know, we can trust that God has seen it all, and to those who love Him, even bad things can turn out for good, and will ultimately be for His glory (Romans 8:28-29).

## PERSEVERE

James reminds us that we aren't blessed because we are exempt from trials, but because we persevere under them! In the moment, it can be hard to see how anything good could come from our struggles. Perseverance is not passive, but active faith – it is looking with anticipation the things that God will do and accomplish in your life. Perseverance is inseparable from genuine faith, and love for God is the defining mark of a true believer (James 1:12). Even in our suffering, we are to guard our hearts, lest we be swayed by our own lust, and bring more tragedy upon ourselves (James 1:13-14). In our trials, let us not lose hope for hidden blessings await those who put their trust in God.

### last week's memory verse

Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

JAMES 1:12

### discuss this message

- How can we rejoice in our trials according to James?
- Have you ever asked God for wisdom to deal with something in your life? How did God provide help in that situation?
- How can you consistently make God the object of your faith and triumph over worries and fears?

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**Dleaders' Assembly**

January 28, Thursday  
3:00 PM, CCF Center

YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

**God brought you here for His purpose.**

**God loves you.**

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9

**God is holy.**

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

**God is merciful.**

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

**God is gracious.**

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

**Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?**

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

**God keeps His promises.**

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. – 1 John 5:11-13

**We are willing to listen and improve!**

If you have any concerns and feedback, our pastors are willing to listen.

Email them along with your name at

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