



Big Idea A Christian who has a living faith matures by rejoicing and persevering when faced with trials.

James 1:2-4 ² Dear brothers and sisters, whenever trouble comes your way, let it be an opportunity for joy. ³ For when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. ⁴ So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything.

- **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** ¹⁶ Always be joyful. ¹⁷ Keep on praying. ¹⁸ No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.
- **Romans 5:3-4** ³ We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us-- they help us learn to endure. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character in us, and character strengthens our confident expectation of salvation.



Three Key Questions

1. What is a key word in this passage?
2. What is a key verse in this passage?
3. What is a key tone of voice of this passage?



Text-based Questions

1. How does James respond when faced with trials? (Verses 2, 4)
2. What are the results of overcoming trials? (Verse 4)



Three Christ-centered Questions

1. Who is Christ in this passage? (Verse)
2. Who is Christ to you?
3. Who are we in Christ?



Spirit-led Application