

SUPERNATURAL JOY IN THE MIDST OF TRIALS.

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James 1:2-4 - Passion

- 2 My fellow believers, when it seems as though you are facing nothing but difficulties see it as an invaluable opportunity to experience the greatest joy that you can!
- 3 For you know that when your faith is tested it stirs up power within you to endure all things.
- 4 And then as your endurance grows even stronger it will release perfection into every part of your being until there is nothing missing and nothing lacking.

1. When your facing hard times, allow the supernatural Joy that only the Holy Spirit can give you, to flow through you.

James 1 says in verse 2 – “...My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials...”

Passion Translation - My fellow believers, when it seems as though you are facing nothing but difficulties see it as an invaluable opportunity to experience all the joy that you can!

1 Thessalonians 1:6-Wuest

And as for you, you became imitators of us and of the Lord, having welcomed the Word while under much pressure of affliction which was accompanied by joy that had its source in the Holy Spirit...

MJLT - ...Having received the Word in much oppression, with joy of the Holy Spirit...

2 Corinthians 8:2-Passion

2 For even during a season of severe difficulty and tremendous suffering, they became even more filled with joy. From the depths of their extreme poverty, super-abundant joy overflowed into an act of extravagant generosity.

Nehemiah 8:10-AMP

10 ...And be not grieved and depressed, for the joy of the Lord is your strength and stronghold.

Joy - khar-ah...*chara*, derived from the word Khar-is...*charis*, which is the Greek word for grace.

2. Faith tested and passed produces patience to face other trials and tests.

James 1 says in verse 3 ...knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

Passion – 3 For you know that when your faith is tested it stirs up power within you to endure all things.

Patience - *to remain in one's spot; to keep a position; or to resolve to maintain some territory that has been gained. It is the state of mind that says, "This is my spot, and I'm not moving!"*

Endurance - *staying power, hang-in-there power, determination.*

Hebrews 12:2-Passion

2 We look away from the natural realm and we fasten our gaze onto Jesus who birthed faith within us and who leads us forward into faith's perfection. His example is this: Because his heart was filled with the joy of knowing that you would be his, he endured the agony of the cross and conquered its humiliation, and now sits exalted at the right hand of the throne of God!

3 So consider carefully how Jesus faced such intense opposition from sinners who opposed their own souls, so that you won't become worn down and cave in under life's pressures, forgetting your destiny.

3. Allowing endurance/patience to grow makes us stronger and more mature for facing every opposition.

James 1 says in verse 4 – ...But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Passion – 4 And then as your endurance grows even stronger it will release perfection into every part of your being until there is nothing missing and nothing lacking.

Psalms 51:12-Passion

Let my passion for life be restored, Tasting joy in every breakthrough you bring to me.

Romans 8:28-NKJV

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Passion – 28 So we are convinced that every detail of our lives is continually woven together to fit into God's perfect plan of bringing good into our lives, for we are his lovers who have been called to fulfill his designed purpose.

Romans 8:31 – Passion

If God has determined to stand with us, tell me, who then could ever stand against us?

Finding joy in God's presence: Psalm 16:11 - ...in Your presence is fullness of joy...

