

WHEN YOUR LIFE SEEMS TO BE ON HOLD.
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James 1:2-Passion

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!

Jas 1:3 For you know that when your faith is tested it stirs up power within you to endure all things.

Jas 1:4 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.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, - “**To everything there is a season.**”

1. WHEN YOU CAN'T ALTER YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES YOU MUST LEARN TO GROW THROUGH THEM.

2 Corinthians 4:17-NKJV

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory,

AMP - For our light, momentary affliction (this slight distress of the passing hour)

Passion - We view our slight, short-lived troubles in the light of eternity.

James 1:2-4 - message bible

2 *Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides.*

3 You know that *under pressure, your faith-life* is forced into the open and shows its true colors.

4 *So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work* so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

2. DON'T TRY TO MAKE IT HAPPEN IN YOUR OWN STRENGTH, BUT LET IT HAPPEN BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

Patience comes from trust, and you can't trust a God you don't know.

Psalm 40:1-4-Passion

1 *I waited and waited and waited some more, patiently, knowing God would come through for me.* Then, at last, he bent down and listened to my cry. **2** He stooped down to lift me out of danger from the desolate pit I was in, out of the muddy mess I had fallen into. *Now he's lifted me up into a firm, secure place and steadied me* while I walk along his ascending path. **3** *A new song for a new day rises up in me every time I think about how he breaks through for me!* Ecstatic praise pours out of my mouth until everyone hears how God has set me free. Many will see his miracles; they'll stand in awe of God and fall in love with him! **4** Blessing after blessing comes to those who love and trust the Lord.

3. WE NEED TO HAVE "SPIRITUAL STAYING POWER" UNTIL WHAT WE'RE BELIEVING FOR...COMES TO PASS.

Psalms 27:14-NKJV

Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; *Wait, I say,* on the LORD!

Passion - 14 Here's what I've learned through it all: *Don't give up; don't be impatient; be entwined as one with the Lord.* Be brave and courageous, and never lose hope. Yes, *keep on waiting—for he will never disappoint you!*