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When The Going Gets Tough

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Matthew 13:55 - “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t His mother’s name Mary, and aren’t His brothers *James*, Joseph, Simon, and Judas?”

John 7:5 - Even Jesus' own brothers didn't believe in Him.

Acts 1:14 - They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, *and the brothers of Jesus*.

James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

2 Cor. 5:16 - From now on we regard no one according to a *worldly point of view*.

James 1:1 - James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes which are *scattered abroad*

Acts 8:1-3 - And Saul was there, giving approval to Stephen’s death. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were *scattered* throughout Judea and Samaria... But Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out both men and women to throw them into prison.

v. 2-7 - My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of

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God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he'll receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he's a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

1. Everyone has trials.

v. 2 - My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials.

Various trials = *poikilos*=many colored.

2. You can grow through your trials.

v. 3-4 - knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

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#1 - Consider

v. 2 - My brethren, *consider* it all joy when you fall into various trials.

Hebrews 12:2 - Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross.

J. B. Phillips translates these verses: *When all kinds of trials and temptations crowd into your lives my brothers, don't resent them as intruders, but welcome them as friends! Realize that they come to test your faith and to produce in you the quality of endurance. But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed, and you will find you have become men of mature character.*

#2 - Comprehend

Knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

Ephesians 4:14 - Then we will no longer be immature like children.

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#3 - Cooperate

v. 4 - But *let* patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Jonah 4:1-3 - But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. So he prayed to the LORD, saying, “O LORD, isn't this what I said while I was still in my own country? This is why I was so quick to flee toward Tarshish. I knew that You're a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger, abounding in loving devotion— One who relents from sending disaster. Now, LORD, take my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

Jonah 4:9 - Then God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?” And Jonah said, “It is right for me to be angry, even to death!”

v. 5 - If any of you lacks wisdom, let him *ask* of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

v. 6-8 - But let him ask in *faith*, with no doubting, for he who *doubts* is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he'll receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

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2. You can _____.

How can you become better when trials come your way?

#1 _____

#2 _____

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#3 _____