



### **Trials get us down and drain our joy**

- Weaken faith
- Provoke anger
- Catalyst for sin

**Biblical answer?**

## **LIVING FAITH IN TESTING TIMES**

**JAMES 1:1-4**

# **JOYFUL TRIALS**

COUNT IT ALL JOY, MY BROTHERS, WHEN YOU MEET TRIALS OF VARIOUS KINDS, FOR YOU KNOW THAT THE TESTING OF YOUR FAITH PRODUCES STEADFASTNESS. JAMES 1:2



**Rejoice in short-term trials because of the long-term results.**



### **Rejoice! Trials > Tested Faith**

- Trials are varied (2)
- Trials prove our faith (3)

**TRIALS WEAKEN FALSE FAITH BUT STRENGTHEN TRUE FAITH.**

**Any other benefit?**



### **Rejoice! Tested Faith > Patience**

- Small patience muscle
- Tests grow patience muscle

**TRIALS MAY WEAKEN OUR PECS, BUT THEY STRENGTHEN PATIENCE.**

**What am I waiting for?**



### **Rejoice! Patience > Perfection**

- Long patience perfects
- Long patience completes

**TRIALS SPOIL OUR PERFECT LIFE, BUT PRODUCE A PERFECT YOU.**

**Action?**