

“Faith Functioning When Tested”

Functional Faith—Part 1

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James 2:17—“. . . Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”

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James 1:1—“James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. To the twelve tribes SCATTERED among the nations.”

Acts 8:1 – “On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were SCATTERED throughout Judea and Samaria.”

I. FIND _____ OVER YOUR TRIALS.

James 1:1—“James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

II. FIND _____ IN YOUR TRIALS.

James 1:2-3—“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,
³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.”

A. Trials _____ the single reliable object of our faith.

B. Trials _____ our true character.

C. Trials remind us that our world is _____ and there is only One who can truly fix it.

D. Trials are the _____ to maturity.

I Peter 1:6-7—“In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”

Philippians 4:4—“Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice!”