

Weary World Rejoices: Rejoice in the Struggle

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Life ✓ is hard, God ✓ is good

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1:2-4 NIV

Struggles teach us:

- Dependence ✓ – We trust God through hard times.
- Humility ✓ – Our character is refined through struggle.
- Endurance ✓ – We get stronger through challenges.
- Transformation ✓ – We grow to become more like Christ.
- Validation ✓ – Our faith is proven to be genuine.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.

Romans 5:1-4 ESV

Suffering ✓ and Salvation ✓

The weary world rejoices

Not because suffering ✓ has disappeared ✓

But because God appears ✓ in the suffering ✓

Trials ✓ will put us to the test, but God gives us rest.

In every struggle, make the choice to rejoice ✓ .

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. In the struggles you are facing right now, where do you see God's presence and goodness even if it is hard to recognise?
2. How could your current trials be shaping your faith, character, or endurance for the future and how might you choose to count it all as joy in the process?