

Staying Steadfast through Hard Times

Many people think that when they become Christians that all their troubles will go away. Unfortunately, this is not the case. The reality is, we may be in store for even more trials, but don't get disheartened. God is always with us through it all. He allows us to go through these trials and as a result we become stronger in our faith.

James 1:2-3 ² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces ⁴patience.

James 1:4-8 ⁴ But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be ⁵perfect and complete, lacking nothing. 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. 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 will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ *he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Matthew 7:8 ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Hebrews 13:5 ⁵ *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have.* For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."