

**A #Hack4Faith Discussion-based Study for Groups and/or Individual Enrichment**  
**The Letter of James**

*"Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete lacking nothing." James 1:4*

**Discussion Two: *Genuine in Endurance*, James 1:2-26.**

**Key Phrase:** "... you know that the 'testing' of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing." James 1:3-4

**1. Discussion Scenario:**

- a. The day-to-day presses us continually from family-life to work-life. To meet this press and *never* be found lacking, there is a process through which we can grow and excel – it's called testing that produces endurance. But our confidence is that God is with us through every step of this process.

**2. Word Studies:**

- a. Read James 1:2-26, [James 1:2-26 CSB - Trials and Maturity - Consider it a - Bible Gateway](#).
- b. Testing Gk. [Strong's Greek: 1383. δοκιμίων \(dokimion\) -- a testing \(biblehub.com\)](#)
  - i. Scroll to/read *HELPS Word-studies* and *Thayer's Greek Lexicon* #1 & #2. What do you see as the relationship between "testing" and faith?
- c. Endurance Gk. [Strong's Greek: 5281. ὑπομονή \(hupomoné\) -- a remaining behind, a patient enduring \(biblehub.com\)](#)
  - i. Scroll to/read the left column thru *Thayer's Greek Lexicon* #1 definition. In what ways do you see "endurance" as different from "patience"?
  - ii. Scroll further, what does *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* add to its definition of endurance? How does this further impact your understanding of the word endurance.

**3. Digging in:**

- a. For each of the following verse groupings, 1) Read the verse(s) 2) Boil-down the verse(s) in the group to a single word (or two max) and write it/them down 3) Ask yourself the question, what is the relationship between endurance and this word? Write your thoughts for discussion.
- b. Verse groupings:
  - i. Verses 5-8
  - ii. Verses 9-11
  - iii. Verse 12

- iv. Verses 13-15
- v. Verses 16-18
- vi. Verses 19-21
- vii. Verses 22-25
- viii. Verses 26-27

**4. Bringing it home:**

- a. What are your key takeaways from this study/discussion? List up to 3 and be prepared to share at least one.
  - i.
  - ii.
  - iii.
- b. Being “genuine in endurance” -- what two actions can you take this week?
  - i.
  - ii.
- c. Write a short prayer to your Lord Jesus Christ regarding testing and endurance in your life.

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