



Genuine Living Faith

# Joy Through Our Trials

James 1:1-8









**John 5:7**

**Even his brothers did  
not believe him.**



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## Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth give way and  
the mountains fall into the heart  
of the sea, though its waters  
roar and foam and the  
mountains quake with their  
surging.



Happiness and joy  
are not the same  
thing.



Happiness is an emotion that is evoked by well being, success or good fortune or by the prospect of possessing what one desires.



“Joy is the settled assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be alright, and the determined choice to praise God in every situation.”

- Rick Warren

Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with  
you; Do not be  
dismayed, for I am your  
God. I will strengthen  
you, I will help you, I will  
uphold you with my  
righteous right hand.



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## Romans 5:3-5

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance character, and character hope.

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.



**1. Grow us & Mature  
us.**

## 2 Corinthians 1:8-9

We were under great pressure,  
far beyond our ability to endure,  
so that we despaired of life  
itself. Indeed, we felt we had  
received the sentence of death.

But this happened that we  
might not rely on ourselves but  
on God who raises the dead.



# 2. Natural Consequences or Correction

Prodigal Son

# 3. Changing Directions

Acts 27 & 28

Paul's shipwreck



# James 1:5

If any of you lack  
wisdom, you should ask  
God, who gives  
generously to all  
without finding fault and  
it will be given to you.

**1 Corinthians 3:19**  
**For the wisdom of**  
**this world is**  
**foolishness in God's**  
**sight.**

## James 1:6-8

When you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double minded and unstable in all they do.







1. God is our source of joy and peace.
2. Lean into growing through our trials.
3. Pray for Godly Wisdom.
4. Stay focused on Christ.

