

Faith that Works

Pt. 1 - What to do when the pressure is on

I need faith that works when life doesn't.

What to do when the pressure is on:

Rejoice!

Jam. 1:1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings. ²Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds...

Jn. 16:33 In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

Jn. 16:33 In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. (KJV)

Mt. 5:11 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven...

¹ Thess. 5:16 Be joyful always; ¹⁷pray continually; ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Difficulty makes me stronger. This trial gives me strength for the next trial!

Jam. 1:2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds ³because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Ask God for wisdom.

Jam. 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

Wisdom is God's perspective on my situation.

Trust God.

Jam. 1:6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

Trust is a choice.

Ps.27:5 For in the day of trouble, he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.⁶ Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Ps.32:7 You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble, and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Remember the reward – Heaven!

Jam. 1:12 Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

Rom. 8:18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.