

SCRIPTURE: James 1:1-4 (ESV)

¹ James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. ² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

I. THERE WILL BE TRIALS

John 16:33 (NIV)- "In this world you will have trouble."

Acts 14:22 (NIV)- "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,"

II. WHY ARE THERE TRIALS?

"testing"

"steadfastness"

III. HOW DO WE HANDLE THE TRIALS?

Philippians 1:6 (ESV)- "And I am SURE of this, that he who began a good work in you WILL bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (ESV)- "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it."