

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while. ⁷ These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

James 1:2-4 Message

²⁻⁴ Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

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Overcoming Principles

1. You must _____ in spite of the way you _____.

Psalm 5:11 NKJ

¹¹ But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name be joyful in You.

Psalm 68:3-4 NKJ

³ But let the righteous be glad; Let them rejoice before God; Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly.

⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His name YAH, And rejoice before Him.

Psalm 118:15-17 NKJ

¹⁵ The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly. ¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted;

The right hand of the LORD does valiantly. ¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

“The Joy of the Lord is your strength.”
-Nehemiah 8:10b

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2. You must _____ the _____ in spite of your _____!

Romans 4:17 NIV

¹⁷ As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

Mark 5:28 NKJ

²⁸ For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

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3. You must _____ on the _____ in spite of the _____.

Isaiah 43:2 NLT

² *When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.*

II Corinthians 4:16-18 NKJ

¹⁶ *Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.* ¹⁷ *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,* ¹⁸ *while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

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