

James 1 - When You Want to Quit Pt.2

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James 1:1-4

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 (*teleios*) and COMPLETE, lacking in nothing.**

Lamentations 3:18-26

18 so I say, **“MY ENDURANCE HAS PERISHED; SO HAS MY HOPE FROM THE LORD.”**

19 Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall!

20 My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me.

21 **BUT THIS I CALL TO MIND, and THEREFORE I HAVE HOPE:**

22 **THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD NEVER CEASES; WE ARE NOT CUT OFF, HIS MERCIES NEVER COME TO AN END;**

23 **THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING; GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS.**

24 **“THE LORD IS MY PORTION,”** says my soul, **“THEREFORE I WILL HOPE IN HIM.”**

25 **THE LORD IS GOOD TO THOSE WHO WAIT FOR HIM, TO THE SOUL WHO SEEKS HIM.**

26 **IT IS GOOD THAT ONE SHOULD WAIT QUIETLY FOR THE SALVATION OF THE LORD.**

Verse 18 “so I say, **“MY ENDURANCE HAS PERISHED; SO HAS MY HOPE FROM THE LORD.”**”

- **“But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope...”**

Hebrews 12:1-4

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and **let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,**

2 **looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

3 **Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.**

4 In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

Psalms 56:8-9

8 **You have kept count of my tossings (*wandering as an aimless fugitive*); put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book?**

9 Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. **This I know, that God is for me.**

- His mercies are new every morning.

Matthew 6:34

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

1 Corinthians 10:13

“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, **but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**”

- The Lord is my portion.

Philippians 3:3-11

3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh

4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:

5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;

6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

7 **But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.**

8 Indeed, **I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus** my Lord. For his sake **I have suffered the loss of all things** and **count them as rubbish,** in order that **I may gain Christ**

9 and **be found in him,** not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith

10 **that I may know him** and **the power of his resurrection,** and **may share his sufferings,** becoming like him in his death,

11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

- The Lord is good to those who wait for Him.

Isaiah 40:28-31

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. **He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.**

29 **He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.**

30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

31 but **they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.**