

All The Places To Go

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds."

[James 1:2]

1. Joy in troubled times

"Because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

[James 1:3-4]

My trials are training me

Don't look at your problems, look through them.

"A cheerful spirit is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones."

[Proverbs 17:22]

"Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

[Nehemiah 8:10]

"Keep on doing what we told you to do to please God, not in a dogged religious plod, but in a living, spirited dance."

[1 Thessalonians 4:1 (MSG)]

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

[James 1:5]

2. Wisdom in troubled times

"James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings."

[James 1:1]

"James the just"

"But 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."

[James 1:6-8]

3. Faith in troubled times

Our faith should move the waves, not the waves move our faith.