

JUST DO IT: Putting Faith in Action

“Finding Joy in Uncommon Places”

¹ James, a servant of God and of the **Lord** Jesus Christ...

² Consider it **pure joy**, my brothers and sisters, **whenever** you **face trials** of many kinds, **James 1:1-2 (NIV)**

³ because you know that the **testing** of your faith produces **perseverance**. ⁴ Let perseverance **finish its work** so that you may be **mature** and **complete, not lacking** anything.

James 1:3-4 (NIV)

Trials authenticate our confidence in God.

⁵ 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 (NIV)**

True joy is not found in the absence of struggle, but in God's presence in the midst of it.

This struggle defines me.

This struggle will only make me stronger.

This struggle has isolated me.

This struggle has connected me to others.

This struggle will be the end of me.

This struggle will be the starting point of drawing me and others closer to Jesus.