

PERFECT

*“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 1:6)*

*“For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.” (Romans 8:29)*

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WANTING NOTHING

*“But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.” (1 Peter 5:10)*

**3. WE MUST \_\_\_\_\_ FAITHFULLY** (v. 5-6)

A. We May Ask \_\_\_\_\_

ASK FOR WISDOM

*“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” (Matthew 7:7-8)*

ASK IN FAITH

*“For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.” (Proverbs 2:6)*

B. We Will Be \_\_\_\_\_

*“The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer.” (Psalm 6:9)*

*“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)*

CONCLUSION

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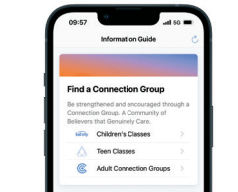
*“For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.” (2 Timothy 1:12)*



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# TRUSTING THROUGH THE TRIALS

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**Text:** James 1:1-4

*“James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. 2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” (James 1:1-4)*

## INTRODUCTION

*“Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” (2 Timothy 3:2)*

*“And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.” (Acts 8:1)*

## 1. WE MUST \_\_\_\_\_ SCRIPTURALLY

### A. A Joyful \_\_\_\_\_

#### WHEN WE ARE IN TRIALS

**Quote:** “We can’t have a testimony without a test.”

*“By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,” (Hebrews 11:17)*

#### A SCRIPTURAL ACCOUNTING

### 5 STEPS TO JOY IN TRIALS

#### 1. Understand a Sovereign Purpose

*“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.” (Romans 8:28-29)*

#### 2. Pray for Wisdom

#### 3. Realize it is Temporal

*“Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:” (1 Peter 1:6-7)*

#### 4. Trust that God Knows what He is Doing

#### 5. Remember It is for Our Growth

*“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.” (1 Peter 4:12-13)*

### B. An Accounting of \_\_\_\_\_

#### KNOW GOD IS WORKING

#### KNOW THE TESTING PRODUCES FRUIT

*“And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;” (Romans 5:3)*

**Quote:** “The world is looking for people whose faith is not only spoken, but also proven.”

*“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:” (1 Peter 1:7)*

**Quote:** “The Lord wants to bring out our best, Satan wants to bring out our worst.”

*“But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.” (Genesis 50:20)*

## 2. WE MUST \_\_\_\_\_ WISELY (v. 4)

### A. Through a \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit

#### YIELD TO THE LORD’S PURPOSE

*“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

### B. For a \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose

*“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)*