



"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 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 1:2 - 4 (NIV)

DISCUSS

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- *List some possible trying or hard times that could happen for each of the different age groups in your family*
- *For those situations you listed, talk about how that kind of trial could end up strengthening a person or be a blessing somehow.*
- *James said that we should consider it pure joy when trials enter our lives. How will faith in God help you be victorious, even when you experience trials or hard times?*

PRAY

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- *Recall some of the hard times you have had in the past and thank God for meeting your need or giving you the strength to come through the trial.*
- *Ask God for an attitude of joy and peace during any current difficult situations your family is dealing with currently.*
- *Pray for people you know who are struggling with health, financial, or relationship problems in their lives.*
- *Praise God together that He is in control, even when situations in our lives seem out of control.*