

## How to Overcome a Trial

James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations

peirasmos - any type of trial or adversity; not necessarily sin. But, what is sin?

James 4:17

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

James addresses the readers 15 X's as brethren and 3 of those as "beloved"/agape' — covenant.

**Even those in covenant with God are going to miss the mark/sin.**

hamartia - missing the mark/bullseye

1 John 2:1-2

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 1:7-10

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, **[THIS CANNOT BE DONE UNLESS YOU ARE BORN-AGAIN]** we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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periptō (pair-ee-peep'-toe) - to fall into something that is all around, be surrounded with; so to fall into as to be encompassed

In other words, you didn't ask for it, but you wake up and all of a sudden, you are completely surrounded. God's generals get used to these situations.

Luke 10:30

And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

Acts 27:40-42 (KJV Strong's) And when they had taken up the anchors, they committed themselves unto the sea, and loosed the rudder bands, and hoised up the mainsail to the wind,

and made toward shore. 41 And FALLING into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves. 42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

Romans 7:21

I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

Romans 7:21 (TPT)

Through my experience of this principle, I discover that even when I want to do good, evil is ready to sabotage me.

How many can relate?

Romans 7:21 (NCV)

So I have learned this rule: When I want to do good, evil is there with me.

Many times it's simply an 'old way of thinking', not necessarily a demon under every rock.

2 Kings 6:8-23 (NLT)

8 When the king of Aram was at war with Israel, he would confer with his officers and say, "We will mobilize our forces at such and such a place." 9 But immediately Elisha, the man of God, would warn the king of Israel, "Do not go near that place, for the Arameans are planning to mobilize their troops there." 10 So the king of Israel would send word to the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he would be on the alert there. 11 The king of Aram became very upset over this. He called his officers together and demanded, "Which of you is the traitor? Who has been informing the king of Israel of my plans?" 12 "It's not us, my lord the king," one of the officers replied. "Elisha, the prophet in Israel, tells the king of Israel even the words you speak in the privacy of your bedroom!" 13 "Go and find out where he is," the king commanded, "so I can send troops to seize him." And the report came back: "Elisha is at Dothan." 14 So one night the king of Aram sent a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city. 15 When the servant of the man of God got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses, and chariots everywhere. "Oh, sir, what will we do now?" **the young man cried to Elisha.** 16 "Don't be afraid!" Elisha told him. "For there are more on our side than on theirs!" 17 Then Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes and let him see!" The LORD opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire. 18 As the Aramean army advanced toward him, Elisha prayed, "O LORD, please make them blind." So the LORD struck them with blindness as Elisha had asked. 19 Then Elisha went out and told them, "You have come the wrong way! This isn't the right city! Follow me, and I will take you to the man you are looking for." And he led them to the city of Samaria. 20 As soon as they had entered Samaria, Elisha prayed, "O LORD, now open their eyes and let them see." So the LORD opened their eyes, and they discovered that they were in the middle of Samaria. 21 When the king of Israel saw them, he shouted to Elisha, "My father,

should I kill them? Should I kill them?” 22 “Of course not!” Elisha replied. “Do we kill prisoners of war? Give them food and drink and send them home again to their master.” 23 So the king made a great feast for them and then sent them home to their master. After that, the Aramean raiders stayed away from the land of Israel.

James 1:2 (NLT)

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.

“In other words, ‘here we go’, the trial is on and another opportunity to whip the devil.”

1 John 3:8-9

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

James 1:2 (TPT)

My fellow believers, when it seems as though you are facing nothing but difficulties see it as an invaluable opportunity to experience the greatest joy that you can!

So, #1, count it all Joy.

#2 Never blame God!

James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

**Practical To-Do-List:**

C-J-C-A-B-P-P

1. Cast the care
2. Journal the trial
3. Count it all joy
4. Ask God for wisdom knowing He is the answer, not the source of the trial
5. Believe that you receive wisdom
6. Pray in the Holy Ghost
7. Praise Him