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TESTING OF YOUR FAITH James 1:2-4

1. Dealing with the living of life and its trials is only done well in the strength of the LORD given through his Holy Spirit.
2. Many Christians are confident in their faith until it is TESTED by trials, hardship and disappointments.
3. "Other seeds FELL on good soil and produced grain, some a hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty." Matt. 13:8
4. "REMEMBER the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours." John 15:20
5. "Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will REJOICE in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation." Habakkuk 3:17-18
6. "No servant can serve two MASTERS, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." Luke 16:13
7. "Because your steadfast love is better than LIFE, my lips will praise you...for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me." Psalm 63:3, 7-8
8. "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have PRAYED for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." Luke 22:31-32
9. "In this you rejoice, thought now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith - more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire - may be found to RESULT in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1:6-7
10. TRUE faith is founded upon total dependence on Christ and on living in his strength to reproduce fruit for his kingdom.

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