

## **When Your Faith Is Being Tested**

James 1:2-4

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,

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.

Luke 22:31-34

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32. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

33. But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

34. Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

### **1. You must trust in Jesus more than you trust in your emotions!**

Job 31:4 (NLT) - He sees everything I do and every step I take.

Psalms 37:23b (NLT) - The steps of the godly are directed by the LORD. He delights in every detail of their lives.

### **2. You must cooperate with God's character building process!**

James 1:2 (NLT)

2 Dear brothers and sisters, whenever trouble comes your way, let it be an opportunity for joy.

3 For when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything.

### **3. You must take your focus off of yourself!**

2 Corinthians 1:4 (NLT) - He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

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