

The Necessity of Adversity! *James 1:2-4*

Adversity: a condition marked by misfortune, calamity, distress

A. Adversity is Essential to your Christian Growth

* v2 Trials are not only Necessary, we should Rejoice over them
* Count it all joy Whenever you face trials
* v3 The testing of your faith produces Perseverance
* Adversity helps us realize we are not in Control after all
* v4: Perseverance must Finish its perfect work
* God’s Goal for us is Perfection, which is Maturity in this life

B. There is Strength in the Struggle

* The struggle is Good
* Don’t crawl around Weighed down by shriveled wings that are not Beautiful but also Useless
* If there is no struggle, then that which was designed to Lift you up becomes a Burden instead
* When adversity is Overcome, it lifts you to a New level of Faith and Trust

C. The Struggle brings Growth

* When you face adversity, Faith grows
* Without Adversity, we will not Become the person God wants us to become
* Take the Easy way and you will stay Weak; take the Hard way and you will become Strong
* Trials and Problems force you to Rely on Jesus

D. The Bottom Line when facing Trials and Problems is Trust

* When you experience Trials and Problems, it forces you to put your Eyes on Jesus and Keep them there
* Don’t focus on your Problems; focus on Jesus
* Trust Jesus! After, when you look back, you will see Why it was necessary

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