

Dear Friends,

As people who follow Jesus, you might face all kinds of trouble. But when you do, you should think of it as pure joy! When hard things happen, they help you to be stronger. As followers of Jesus, we might all face trouble and hard times, but these hard things help us trust God.

Love, James



Dear Friends,

Sometimes we're tempted to do wrong things, which means we want to do wrong things. But we shouldn't blame God when we are tempted. God never tempts anyone. Instead, God will be with us when we want to do wrong things, and He will give us the courage to do the right thing.

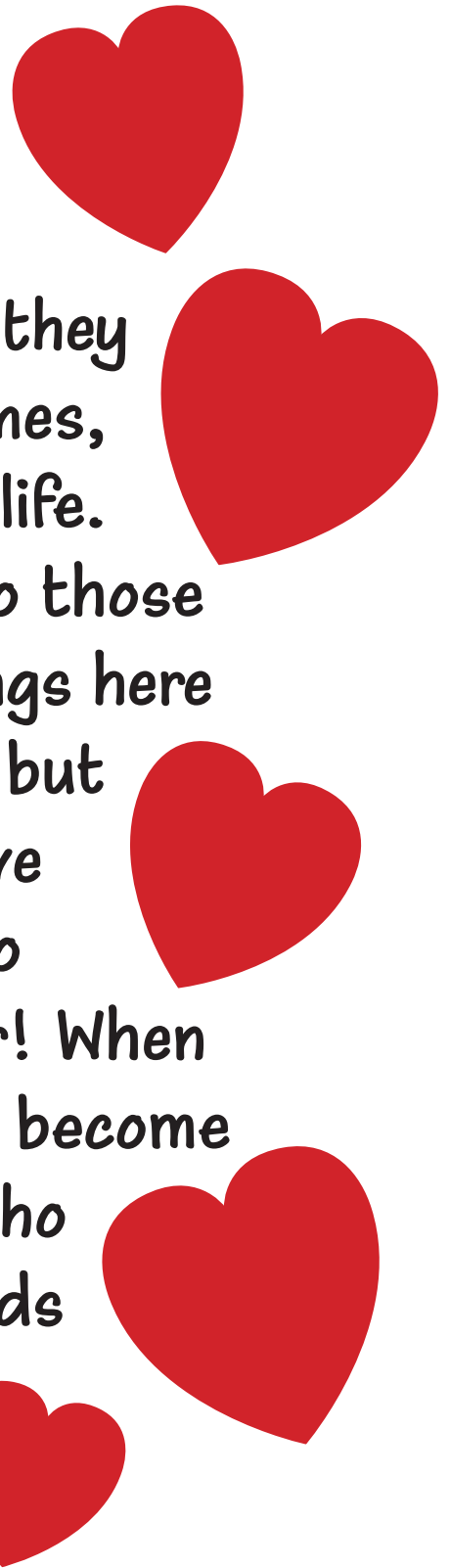
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Dear Friends,

Blessed (or happy) are the people who keep going even when times are hard. After they have come through hard times, they will receive a crown of life. The Lord has promised it to those who love Him. Toys and things here on earth will soon go away, but people who love God will have something that will never go away—life with Him forever! When you go through trouble, you become like the winners of a race who receive crowns on their heads from God. He loves you!

Love, James



Dear Friends,

Do you like to receive gifts? I do!  
Every good and perfect gift is  
from God! Remember that God  
made the heavens and the earth.  
God only gives good gifts.  
Anything we face that is bad or  
wrong is not from God. God wants  
us to share His love with everyone  
else on earth. That's why we  
can always remember that God  
helps us through hard things.

Love, James



**WONDER TRUTH:** God Helps Us through Hard Things; James 1

**GOD'S BIG STORY:** James, an early church leader, encourages the church to keep going when life is difficult because God will help them persevere.

**WORD OF WONDER:** The three most important things to have are faith, hope and love. —1 Corinthians 13:13 (NirV)



**Love**

**Faith**

**Hope**