

Three Trials/Tragedies

Rachel dies in childbirth

Jacob's son sins greatly

Jacob's dad dies

9 And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my sojourning are 130 years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojourning."

– **Genesis 47:9**

Don't Be Surprised

12 Beloved, **do not be surprised** at the fiery trial when it comes upon you **to test you**, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

– **1 Peter 4:12-13**

Trials are Tests

6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 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**

Trials reveal the genuineness of our faith

Tests Produce Results

3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

– **Romans 5:3-5**

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

– **James 1:2-4**

5 Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. 6 And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain.

– **Mark 4:5-7**

We Grow or We Give Up

15 And he blessed Joseph and said, "The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the **God who has been my shepherd all my life long to this day**, 16 the angel who has **redeemed me from all evil**, bless the boys [...] let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

– **Genesis 48:15-16**

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- **Romans 5:3**

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,

- **James 1:2**

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

– **James 1:12**

13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

– **1 Peter 4:13**

17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

- **2 Corinthians 4:17**