Christian Training (Part I)

James 1:2-4

"Much of what these Christians were facing in trials were not direct persecution but the trial of being social outcasts and boycotted from employment. Christians of Jewish heritage were rejected by their own people and distained socially by others merel for being Christians."

- D.A. Carson

Job 5:7 -

For man is born for trouble, as sparks fly upward.

John 16:33 -

33 "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

I Peter 4:12 -

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

"A Christian is like a tea bag, he's not worth much until he's been through some hot water."

Anonymous

II Corinthians 12:8 & 9 -

- 8 Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me.
- And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

I. Response

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A genuine gratefulness of heart that is receptive to how God is working in my life.

"James is speaking of a unique fullness of joy that the Lord graciously provided His children when they willingly and uncomplainingly endure troubles while trusting in Him - regardless of the cause, type, or severity of the distress. He will always use them for our benefit and for His own glory." – J. MacArthur

"When you are faithful to God in little things, you will gain experience and strength that will help you in the more serious trials of life." – Hudson Taylor

II. Reasoning

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What I know.

(Greek Definition) -

Hupomonē -

- hupo (under)
- menō (stay, remain, abide)

III. Results

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Fully <u>developed</u>.

I Peter 5:10 -

¹⁰ After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.