

ENDURANCE, END TIMES SURVIVAL KEY

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As Paul told Timothy: **Know this, that in the last days PERILOUS TIMES WILL COME:** 2 Timothy 3:1 PERILOUS TIMES ARE HERE AND WILL GROW WORSE. Never in the recorded history of humanity has the **entire population of the world**, all of humanity, more than seven billion people, been under siege **simultaneously** and placed in a medical experiment with severe **risks** with the ultimate goal of bringing in a one world government.

Speaking of this time the Prophet Daniel said in 6th Century BC: Now at that time Michael, the great prince who **stands guard** over the sons of **YOUR PEOPLE**, will arise. And **there will BE A TIME OF DISTRESS SUCH AS NEVER OCCURRED SINCE THERE WAS A NATION** until that time; and at that time **YOUR PEOPLE, EVERYONE WHO IS FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK, WILL BE RESCUED.** 2 **MANY OF THOSE WHO SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE GROUND WILL AWAKE**, THESE TO EVERLASTING LIFE, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. Daniel 12:1-2

JESUS SAID Speaking of this time: Matthew 24:9-14 **They will deliver you to be Persecuted, and will kill you, and you will be hated** by all nations because of MY NAME. 10 **Many will fall away** and will **betray** one another and **hate one another.** 11 **Many false prophets** will arise and will mislead many. 12 Because **lawlessness is increased**, most people's **love will grow cold.** 13 **But the one who ENDURES to the end will be saved.**

- ❖ This Word from JESUS thoroughly describes **Perilous Times**. When I read this verse I never thought this would happen in my lifetime. So, I searched the Scriptures to find help, comfort, and direction.
- ❖ JESUS said: **most people's love will grow cold**. I assume that could be like when the difficult things HE said start happening to us we start saying things like *"Why are you letting this happen to me."* *"You don't answer my prayers."* *"I thought you loved me."*
- ❖ The following is from Prophecy News Watch 12/16/2021

"The percentage of Americans that identify as Christians is the lowest that it has ever been before. And the percentage of Americans, when asked "What is your Religion" on their voting ballot, the number that check "none" is at a new all-time record high."

- ❖ I DO NOT WANT **MY LOVE FOR JESUS TO GROW COLD**. Therefore, this study. I was surprised how many times the word ENDURANCE was used.

James 1:2-4 **COUNT IT ALL JOY** my brethren, **when you encounter various TRIALS** (Greek word 3986 **PROBLEMS** small and large) **3 knowing** that the **TESTING OF YOUR FAITH** PRODUCES **ENDURANCE**. **4 AND LET ENDURANCE** HAVE ITS **PERFECT WORK, SO THAT, YOU** may be **PERFECT** and **COMPLETE, LACKING NOTHING**. NASU

- ❖ **ENDURANCE** HAS A **PERFECT, NECESSARY,** and **IMPORTANT** WORK IN OUR LIVES. This makes it well worth our study, our focus, our attention, and **LEARNING THE KEY: TO COUNT IT ALL JOY** In doing so, with every little issue, it keeps me in peace & smiling.

- ❖ **ENDURANCE**: The ability to withstand **hardship** or **adversity** through a **prolonged** and **stressful** activity or event.
- ❖ We **MUST CHANGE OUR THINKING** about TRIALS to **COUNT IT ALL JOY**
- ❖ **TRIALS** are for **#1 the TESTING OF OUR FAITH** and **#2 WILL PRODUCE ENDURANCE**. The ability to hang in there.

The LORD LOVES ENDURANCE. IT PLEASES HIM GREATLY. JESUS ENDURED HIS TRIAL FOR US. And HE is asking us to ENDURE our TRIALS FOR HIM. IT PROVES WHAT WE LOVE MOST.

- ❖ **TRIALS and ENDURANCE will SEPARATE THE SHEEP FROM THE GOATS**, those who say they are Christians and are not and **have no true faith**. (Revelation 3:8-10)
- ❖ TRUE BELIEVERS **WILL ENDURE TRIALS**, to some degree, and we are told to **"COUNT IT ALL JOY"** and **let ENDURANCE have its PERFECT WORK**, BRINGING US TO **MATURITY** which brings **JOY** to our FATHER and **should bring JOY TO US ALSO**.
- ❖ **Romans 5:3-5 We ALSO REJOICE IN OUR SUFFERINGS**, [This is completely opposite of our natural sin nature default. REJOICING sets us apart, different from those in the world. WHY REJOICE?] **because** we know that **SUFFERING produces PERSEVERANCE** [the verb 5281. **ENDURANCE** 5281 the noun] 4 and **PERSEVERANCE, CHARACTER**; and character, **HOPE**. 5 And **HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT US**, because GOD has **POURED OUT HIS LOVE INTO OUR HEARTS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**, whom **HE has given us**.

❖ **HE GAVE US HIS LOVE** for **HIS SON AND OTHERS. LOVE NEVER FAILS. LOVE** bears all things, **believes** all things, **HOPES** all things, **ENDURES** all things. 1Cor13:7-8

❖ Our **LOVE for JESUS**, that **HE Poured into our hearts**, is the **MOTIVATION** and **POWER** to **ENDURE ALL THINGS**

James 1:4 AND [WE MUST] **LET ENDURANCE** HAVE ITS **PERFECT WORK, WHY?** so that **YOU MAY BE PERFECT** and **COMPLETE, LACKING NOTHING** AS WE ARE CHANGED INTO HIS IMAGE.

If ever a generation needed **ENDURANCE**, it is **TODAY**. So, for Believers **TRIALS ARE A BLESSING**. But for nonbelievers **TRIALS** are **certainly NOT A BLESSING**. They bring anxiety, frustration, anger, and **whatever** action is necessary to escape.

But for the Believer: **James 1:12 BLESSED** is the man who **ENDURES** under **TRIAL**; for once he has been **APPROVED**, (as one of **FAITH to BELIEVE** and who **LOVES The LORD**) **HE WILL RECEIVE THE CROWN OF LIFE** which **the LORD has PROMISED TO THOSE WHO LOVE HIM**.

This **REWARD**, this **CROWN** is for those who **LOVE the LORD**. The believer finds **STRENGTH** to **OVERCOME TEMPTATION** and **ENDURE TRIALS** by **OUR LOVE for JESUS** that **HE poured into our hearts**.

As Believers we **LOVE THE LORD**, to some degree. Our **LOVE FOR JESUS GROWS** as we grow in **KNOWLEDGE of HIS LOVE FOR US**.

We love HIM because HE first loved us. 1 John 4:19

And our **LOVE for JESUS** is the **MOTIVATION** to **ENDURE**. As our **LOVE GROWS** our **ENDURANCE GROWS**. And **LOVE NEVER FAILS**

(1Cor.13:8) Therefore we **HAVE BEEN APPROVED** by JESUS who **became sin for us and redeemed us with HIS PRECIOUS BLOOD.**

All TRUE BELIEVERS **WILL RECEIVE** the **CROWN OF LIFE.**

This verse is saying **WE CAN DETERMINE THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE** and **our FAITH, that works by LOVE,** (Gal.5:6) **BY THE MEASURE OF WHAT WE ARE WILLING TO ENDURE.** Selah!

Those who ARE **NOT BELIEVERS WILL FAIL** this **TESTING OF OUR FAITH** "when the going gets tough". 1 John 2:19-20 **They went out from us,** but they were **not really "of" us;** for if they had been **"OF"** us, they would have **remained with us** (ENDURANCE) **but they went out, so that it would be shown that THEY ALL ARE NOT "OF" US.** 2 Peter 2:22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb, A dog returns to its own vomit, and, A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire. **Trials will REVEAL True Character.**

But for the Believer: 1 Peter 1:5-7 **You are PROTECTED** by the **POWER OF GOD** through **FAITH** [in the **TRIALS ENDURED**] **for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.** 6 In this **YOU GREATLY REJOICE,** even though **NOW** for a little while, if **NECESSARY, you have been distressed by various TRIALS,** 7 so that the **PROOF OF YOUR FAITH, BEING MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD** which is PERISHABLE, even though **TESTED BY FIRE,** **MAY BE FOUND TO RESULT IN PRAISE AND GLORY AND HONOR AT THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST.**

❖ The **VALUE of our TRIALS,** the **PROOF OF OUR FAITH** to our FATHER and to JESUS when they see our UNFAILING **ENDURANCE** MOTIVATED and EMPOWERED by our **LOVE** and **GRATEFULNESS,** is **MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD.**

Because it says: "I see, I understand, and I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR GREAT LOVE for me. It has totally captured my heart. I WILL DO ANYTHING, even LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR YOU, AS YOU DID FOR ME."

Examples: Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego in the furnace of **blazing fire:** Daniel 3:17-18 **Our GOD whom we serve IS ABLE to DELIVER US from the furnace of blazing fire. . . 18 But EVEN IF HE DOES NOT, let it be known to you O king, that WE ARE NOT GOING TO SERVE YOUR GODS OR WORSHIP YOUR GOLDEN IMAGE. Or take the mark on our body . . .**

When TRIALS and PROBLEMS are **ENDURED** and **COUNTED ALL JOY THEY BRING PROMOTION**. That is something to be VERY JOYFUL about. FOR EXAMPLE:

Daniel 3:28-30 Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, Blessed be the GOD of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, who has sent HIS angel and **DELIVERED HIS SERVANTS** who **put their TRUST in HIM, VIOLATING THE KING'S COMMAND**, and **yielded up their bodies so as not to serve or worship any god except their own GOD**. 29 Therefore I make a decree (a mandate) that any people, nation or tongue that speaks anything offensive against the GOD of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego shall be torn limb from limb and their houses reduced to a rubbish heap, inasmuch as **there is no other GOD who is able to deliver in this way.**" 30 Then the king caused Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego to **PROSPER IN THE PROVINCE OF BABYLON**.

- ❖ Our **JOYFUL ENDURANCE** is a **BILLBOARD STATEMENT** for ALL TO SEE our **FAITH** and **LOVE** for our Heavenly FATHER and JESUS CHRIST. IT SPEAKS LOUDLY for many to see.
- ❖ HIS Disciples . . .
 - **Peter** was crucified upside down.
 - **Andrew** martyred by crucifixion on an X shaped cross

- **James** was executed with a sword. Acts 12:1-2
 - **Thomas** "The Acts of Thomas" says he was martyred in Mylapore, India where he was pierced with spears.
 - **Paul** was beheaded by emperor Nero.
 - **John** was the only Apostle who died of old age.
 - The rest were martyred by various gruesome ways.
- ❖ Their **ENDURANCE** was a **BILLBOARD STATEMENT** of THEIR GREAT **FAITH** and **LOVE** for their LORD JESUS CHRIST. IT SPEAKS VOLUMES now for Generations.
- ❖ As JESUS suffered and died on HIS cross, and won our hearts, now we may be asked to do the same for HIM and perhaps win other's hearts to JESUS.
- Matthew 16:24 *If anyone wishes to come after ME, he must **DENY HIMSELF, TAKE UP HIS CROSS and FOLLOW ME.***
- ❖ 2 Cor.5:14-15 *For the **LOVE** of **CHRIST** [poured into our hearts] **CONTROLS US, COMPELS US,** [Does it? HOW?] *having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and HE died for all [Why?] **so that they who live might NO LONGER LIVE FOR THEMSELVES, BUT FOR HIM** who died and rose again **FOR US.****

The Scriptures **STRONGLY** and **CONTINUALLY** encourage us to **ENDURE TRIALS** and **COUNT IT ALL JOY.**

James 5:11 *We count those **BLESSED** who **ENDURED.** You have heard of the **ENDURANCE OF JOB** and have seen the outcome of the LORD's dealings, that the **LORD** is full of **COMPASSION** and is **MERCIFUL.***

- ❖ It sounds as if The LORD was proud of Job 1:8

The LORD said to satan, **Have you considered My servant Job?** For there is **no one like him on the earth**, a **BLAMELESS** and upright man, **fearing GOD** and **turning away from evil**.

- ❖ Job was a VERY WEALTHY man and satan destroyed all that he had including his family, and Job said: **The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD.** Through all this **JOB DID NOT SIN OR BLAME GOD**. Job 1:21-22
 - ❖ **The UPGRADE that followed THE TRIAL:** Job 42:10-17 The LORD restored the fortunes of Job . . . and the LORD increased all that Job had **twofold**. . . 12 **The LORD BLESSED** the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had **14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, a 1,000 yoke of oxen, 1,000 female donkeys**. . . 16 After this, Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons and his grandsons, four generations. 17 And Job died, an old man full of days.
- ❖ **ENDURANCE HAD ITS PERFECT WORK in Job** so that the LORD saw him **PERFECT** and **COMPLETE, LACKING NOTHING**.
- ❖ Job was a POWERFUL witness and **BILLBOARD** of **ENDURANCE** to four generations of his family and every generation up to today. **Our Family, Our Children** and many others need to see **Our FAITH, Our ENDURANCE** and **LOVE for JESUS**.
- ❖ He **ENDURED** his **Great Trial** and **PASSED THE TEST**, proving to satan the POWER of **HIS LOVE FOR THE LORD**.
Job 13:15 **Though He slay me, I will TRUST in HIM.**

That is a HIGH Mark for us to set our sights on! HE who CREATED and REDEEMED us DESERVES OUR ABSOLUTE TRUST.

How about Abraham? He passed the test of FAITH and LOVE when he OBEYED and was willing to sacrifice his son. Passing this TEST

PERFECTED him and The LORD could now **TRUST HIM** with a GREAT INHERITANCE and WEALTH. Genesis 22:16-17

It seems the difficulty of our trials may reveal the importance of the ministry The LORD has for us.

1 Peter 3:14-15 **IF YOU SHOULD SUFFER** for the sake of **RIGHTEOUSNESS, YOU ARE BLESSED**. AND **DO NOT FEAR** THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND **DO NOT BE TROUBLED**, 15 but **Sanctify CHRIST as LORD in your hearts** [**NOT FEAR !**] **ALWAYS BEING READY to make a defense to everyone** who asks you to give an **account** for the **HOPE** that is in you. Telling them Why you are willing to suffer for JESUS. . . . And **COUNT IT ALL JOY!**

2 Timothy 4:5 But **YOU**, be **ALERT and WATCHING** in **ALL THINGS, ENDURE HARDSHIP**, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your **ministry** -> Your **BILLBOARD** witness of **ENDURANCE** will GREATLY help you **fulfill your ministry**.

1 Peter 4:14-15 **If you are reviled for THE NAME of CHRIST, YOU ARE BLESSED** [**COUNT IT ALL JOY**] because the **SPIRIT of GLORY** and of **GOD rests on you** TO BE HIS BILLBOARD, SMILING and REJOICING

Philippians 1:29 For **TO YOU it HAS BEEN GRANTED** for **CHRIST'S sake**, [What an HONOR] **not only to BELIEVE** in HIM, **BUT ALSO TO SUFFER FOR HIS SAKE**. **COUNT IT ALL JOY, JESUS DID FOR YOU. for the JOY set before HIM HE ENDURED the cross**

Hebrews 12:2

Matthew 5:12 **REJOICE and BE GLAD**, for **YOUR REWARD** in heaven is **GREAT**; for in the same way they **PERSECUTED** the prophets who were before you. You join an elite group!

Romans 8:18 For I consider that **the SUFFERINGS** of this present time **are not worthy to be compared** with the **GLORY** that is to be revealed to us.

Romans 15:4-5 For whatever was **WRITTEN** in earlier times **was written for our INSTRUCTION, so that** through **PERSEVERANCE** (5281 the verb. **ENDURANCE** 5281 the noun) and the **ENCOURAGEMENT** of the **SCRIPTURES** we might have **HOPE**.

A Good Example of what **was written earlier in the SCRIPTURES for our INSTRUCTION** is the Temptation and /or Trial of JESUS by satan: Matthew 4:1-11 **Twice** satan said: "**IF**" You are the SON of GOD do this. . . And **once** he said: "**IF**" **You fall down and worship me . . .** And **three times JESUS said: IT IS WRITTEN . . .**

For many TRIALS and TEMPTATIONS we **NEED TO KNOW what IS WRITTEN** TO RECOGNIZE AND RESPOND to evil trails and temptations.

Romans 15:13 Now may **the GOD of HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY and PEACE in BELIEVING, SO THAT YOU WILL ABOUND IN HOPE [NOT FEAR]** by the **POWER** of the **HOLY SPIRIT**.

- ❖ FEAR gives satan an opportunity.
- ❖ **COUNT it all JOY / Be FILLED with all JOY / Be at PEACE in BELIEVING** so that **YOU WILL ABOUND IN HOPE** by the **POWER** of the **HOLY SPIRIT**.
- ❖ **THE JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH.** Nehemiah 8:10

The Evidence of a New Character: MORE LIKE JESUS: Hebrews 10:32-39 But remember . . . after being enlightened, you **ENDURED** a **GREAT CONFLICT OF SUFFERINGS**, 33 partly by being made a **public spectacle** through **REPROACHES** and **TRIBULATIONS**, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated. 34 For **you showed sympathy** to the prisoners and **accepted JOYFULLY THE**

SEIZURE OF YOUR PROPERTY, (their NEW CHARACTER) **KNOWING** that you have for yourselves A BETTER POSSESSION AND A LASTING ONE. 35 Therefore, **DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR CONFIDENCE**, WHICH HAS A **GREAT REWARD**. 36 For **YOU HAVE NEED OF ENDURANCE**, SO THAT WHEN **YOU HAVE DONE THE WILL OF GOD**, YOU MAY RECEIVE WHAT WAS PROMISED. 37 FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE, **HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME**, AND WILL NOT DELAY.

The Changed Character of the Macedonians: 2 Cor. 8:1-6
 Now, brethren, we wish to **make known** to you the **GRACE** of GOD which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, 2 that in a **great ordeal of affliction** their **ABUNDANCE OF JOY** and their deep poverty **OVERFLOWED IN THE WEALTH OF THEIR LIBERALITY**. 3 For I testify that according to THEIR ABILITY, and **BEYOND THEIR ABILITY**, they **GAVE** of their own accord, (their NEW CHARACTER) 4 **BEGGING US** with MUCH URGING for the favor of participation in the support of the saints, 5 and this, not as we had expected, **BUT THEY FIRST GAVE THEMSELVES TO THE LORD** AND TO US BY THE WILL OF GOD.

Revelation 2:10-11 **DO NOT FEAR** what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, **SO THAT YOU WILL BE TESTED**, and **YOU WILL HAVE TRIBULATION . . . BE FAITHFUL UNTIL DEATH** AND I WILL GIVE YOU **THE CROWN OF LIFE**. **COUNT IT ALL JOY**

- ❖ The **CROWN of LIFE** is for those who **LOVE The LORD** and are Assured by The BLOOD of JESUS.

Revelation 2:13 I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; and you **HOLD FAST MY NAME** and **DID NOT DENY MY FAITH**.

Matthew 26:34 & 75 Three times Peter denied The LORD, But The LORD saw his heart: He went out and wept bitterly. HE WAS A TRUE BELIEVER. We also will fail some TESTS or TRIALS.

Revelation 3:8-11 **BECAUSE** you . . . **HAVE #1 KEPT MY WORD**, and **#2 HAVE NOT DENIED MY NAME**. Vs. 10 and **BECAUSE** you **HAVE #3 KEPT THE WORD OF MY PERSEVERANCE** (ENDURANCE same Gk. word) I also **WILL KEEP YOU FROM THE HOUR OF TESTING**, [They had already passed the TEST: KEPT HIS WORD / NOT DENIED HIS NAME and KEPT THE WORD OF HIS PERSEVERANCE] **that hour which is about to come upon the WHOLE WORLD, to TEST those who dwell on the earth.** 11 **I AM coming quickly; HOLD FAST WHAT YOU HAVE**, so that **NO ONE WILL TAKE YOUR CROWN**.

- ❖ **We CAN LOSE our CROWN but we WILL NOT EVER LOSE our SALVATION.** This is NOT a matter of “works” to earn Salvation, but a matter of **WORSHIP, FAITH** and **LOVE for JESUS**, and our **BILLBOARD Witness for HIM**.

1 Corinthians 10:13 No **TEMPTATION** (3986) or **TRIAL** (3986) has overtaken you but such as is common to man; but **GOD is FAITHFUL**, who **WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO BE TEMPTED** (3986) OR **TRIED BEYOND WHAT YOU ARE ABLE**, but with the temptation (3986) or **TRIAL** (3986) **PROVIDE THE WAY OF ESCAPE SO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ENDURE IT.** **COUNT IT ALL JOY**

Here is a Good Life Verse:

Philippians 1:20-21 According to my earnest expectation and **HOPE, I WILL NOT be put to shame in anything**, but with all **BOLDNESS, CHRIST will be exalted in my body whether by life or by death.**

21 **FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST AND TO DIE IS GAIN.**

- ❖ We need to view death this way: that **TO DIE IS GAIN.**
- ❖ Psalm 116:15 And: **PRECIOUS** in the sight of the LORD **is the death of HIS Godly ones.**

2 Cor. 4:7-11 For we have this **TREASURE** in earthen vessels, why? so that the **surpassing GREATNESS OF THE POWER will be of GOD** and not from ourselves; 8 WE ARE **AFFLICTED** in every way, BUT NOT **CRUSHED; PERPLEXED**, BUT NOT DESPAIRING; 9 **PERSECUTED**, but not forsaken; **STRUCK DOWN**, but not DESTROYED; 10 **ALWAYS** carrying about in the body **THE DYING of JESUS**, **so that** the **LIFE of JESUS** also **may be MANIFESTED IN OUR BODY.** 11 For we who live are **CONSTANTLY BEING DELIVERED OVER TO DEATH** for **JESUS' sake**, **SO THAT** the **LIFE of JESUS may be MANIFESTED in our mortal flesh. to others.**

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; **but if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

Hebrews 12:1-3 **Therefore**, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, **let us lay aside every encumbrance** and the **sin which so easily entangles us**, and let us **RUN WITH ENDURANCE** the **race that is set before us**, 2 **fixing our eyes on JESUS**, (HE is our example) the **AUTHOR** and **PERFECTER** of **FAITH** (**therefore trials**) who **FOR THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS** [**HE COUNTED IT ALL JOY**, the TRIAL HIS FATHER asked HIM to endure for your sake] despising the shame and has sat down at the right hand of the **THRONE** of **GOD**. 3 **CONSIDER HIM** who has **ENDURED** such **hostility** by sinners against HIMSELF, **SO THAT YOU WILL NOT GROW WEARY AND LOSE HEART.**

We also, FOR THE JOY SET BEFORE US WHEN PROMOTED TO HEAVEN TO BE HOME WITH GOD our FATHER and LORD JESUS CHRIST **NEED TO ENDURE OUR CROSS.**

1 Peter 2:21-24 For **YOU** have been **CALLED FOR THIS PURPOSE**, since CHRIST **SUFFERED FOR YOU**, leaving **YOU** an **EXAMPLE** for **YOU** to **FOLLOW IN HIS STEPS**, 22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; 23 and while being reviled, HE did not revile in return; while **SUFFERING**, HE uttered no threats, but KEPT **ENTRUSTING HIMSELF to HIM** who **judges RIGHTEOUSLY**.

We can Trust Our FATHER to not let it happen unless for a **PURPOSE**.

Hebrews 11:25-26 **Be like Moses: CHOOSING** rather to **ENDURE ill-treatment** with the people of GOD than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 considering the **REPROACH of CHRIST GREATER RICHES** THAN THE TREASURES OF EGYPT; for **HE WAS LOOKING TO THE REWARD. The Winners Crown.**

And Paul: 2 Tim 4:7-8 I have **FINISHED THE COURSE, I have KEPT THE FAITH**; in the future there is laid up for me the **CROWN of RIGHTEOUSNESS**, which the LORD, the **righteous Judge**, will **AWARD TO ME** on that day; and not only to me, but also **TO ALL WHO HAVE LOVED HIS APPEARING**

Hebrews 12:7 **The Reason Why: IT IS FOR DISCIPLINE** that you **ENDURE**; GOD deals with you as with **SONS (MATURE ONES)** for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? **CONFORMING US INTO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON, OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.**

2 Timothy 2:3 **YOU** therefore **MUST ENDURE HARDSHIP** as a **GOOD SOLDIER** of **JESUS CHRIST. Put on the full armor of GOD . . .** Ephesians 6:10-18

Revelation 12:11 And **THEY OVERCAME HIM BECAUSE** of **#1 The BLOOD of THE LAMB** and **#2 BECAUSE** of the **WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY**, and **#3 THEY DID NOT LOVE THEIR LIFE EVEN WHEN FACED WITH DEATH.** **OUR BILLBOARD STATEMENT.**

We all need to answer the Question: How far am I willing to go, willing to suffer in EVERY TRIAL?

It begins with: **COUNT IT ALL JOY, KNOWING** it is a **TEST OF MY FAITH** to produce **ENDURANCE that will change my CHARACTER** that I may be **PERFECT** and **COMPLETE LACKING NOTHING** and Follow my LORD and SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST and BE A BILLBOARD STATEMENT FOR HIM??

COUNT IT ALL JOY

Proverb 17:22

A joyful heart is good medicine

COUNT IT ALL JOY FOR JESUS.

HE IS WORTHY

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Amen.