

**SHILOH MESSIANIC CONGREGATION**  
**Faith That Works When Life Doesn't**  
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I. “**When all kinds** of trials **crowd into your lives**, don't resent them **as intruders**, but welcome them as friends! Realize **they come to test your faith, and to produce** in you the quality of endurance. But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed, and you will become a person of mature character and integrity with no weak spots.” James 1:2-6

II. 4 **facts** to remember about **difficulties**.

- A. Problems are **inevitable**.
- B. Problems are **variable**.
- C. Problems are **unpredictable**.
- D. Problems are **purposeful**.

III. 3 **purposes** of **trials**.

- A. Problems **test** my **faith**.
- B. Problems **develop** my **endurance**.
- C. Problems **mature** my **character**.

IV. How to **respond** to **problems**.

- A. **Rejoice** in the problem.
  - 1. We don't rejoice **for** the problem, but **in the midst** of the problem.
- B. **Request**: ask God for wisdom.
- C. **Relax** and **trust** God.
- D. **Remember** God's promise.