



How do you live like a Christian when nothing seems to be going your way? This question aptly describes the situation James' friends must have been facing. They were under persecution for their faith; they were encountering the distress of societal prejudice; they were being torn apart by the abusiveness of the tongue; they were plagued by a carnal, worldly spirit; and they were being mistreated by the wealthy in their communities. Whether they looked out or in, there were major threats at every turn.

I dare say that we are not in quite the predicament these believers faced. Yet there are certainly millions of believers across the globe that could identify with each distress encountered by these first century believers. While we may not face the level of persecution that belonged to them, we do face the constant barrage of situations that test our Christianity. How can we face these challenges in a way that honors God, focuses on Him, and gives Him the glory? Today we are going to look at three ways to persevere in the midst of trials.

3 Ways to Persevere in the Midst of Trials:

1. Be _____ and _____ the _____.

Do you ever struggle with patience? What are some areas where you struggle? _____

2. Be _____ for the _____' _____.

Are you excited about this? Do you even think about it? _____

3. Regardless of _____, _____ the _____ has a _____.

Notes: _____
