

Trial of joy

James 1:2-4

2. Consider it pure joy my brothers and sisters whenever you face Trials of many kinds
3. because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance
4. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be matured and complete not lacking anything.

In order to understand the scripture first we have to get the clear definition of perseverance

Persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success

For example, just recently I went through a dark season when my daughter tried to hurt herself and truthfully she didn't even know why. In this trial I found myself upset, afraid and confused. Not wanting to get up. It killed me to see my daughter like that.

As broken as I was, I made a choice to not stay lost in the trial but to stay focused on God. I remember in my prayers I kept persistently asking God, please tell me what it is that you are trying to do for my daughter in this season? I asked him this because I knew deep down in my heart that this could not be happening for no reason.

Then a few days later God gave me this vision of a dying flower that was black and then a flower that was being watered and alive. When I saw this scene God told me my flowers were dying and that there was some dry areas in my life that need to be attended to then he brought me back to when I was 14 and showed me the same spirit of suicide that was on me was Actually trying to attach its self to my daughter

It was then that I realized that this trial was not to destroy me it was to save my family

After this I took everything very seriously and started doing exactly what God asked me to do without wavering. I refuse to stay down in this trial instead I decided to open up my mind and come up with ideas of how to change the bad into good

Me and my husband started getting more involved in everything the kids were doing. We also started taking individual time to have our own personal counseling session with each and every one of them. We added parental locks on all devices. Also we started getting more into depth about the word of God with them.

I was surprised to know that they had a different understanding of some of the things they were being taught so a lot of confusion was cleared up. And the walls were broken down.

Who knew that these small changes that we made in our home would make a big difference? but they sure did.

Today everything has changed in my home. My kids are not lacking love or support or the word of God anymore. I can't say they are holy but the joy is back in my home. My daughter Hope is a whole new person now I can't even get her to stop hugging me. My kids have grown Tremendously.

I have to really thank God for this trial. This has taught me how to be there for my children more. It has educated me on the dangers of the internet and social media along with the dangers of me not paying attention.

It was perseverance that matured us in this season, it was the trial that helped us grow and it was God who got us through it.

Thank you