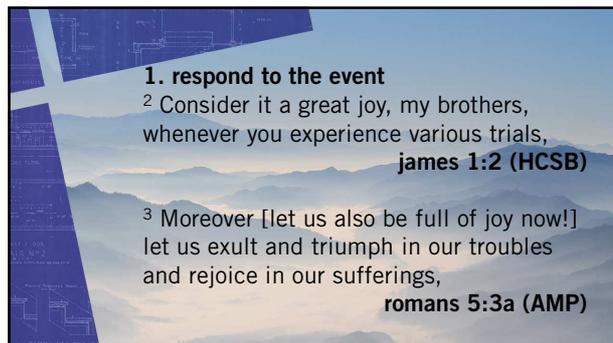


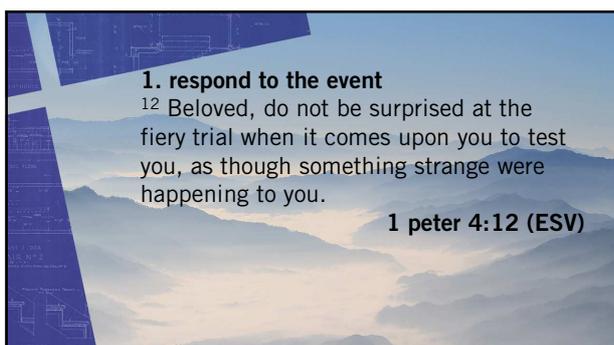


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rejoice in tough times**
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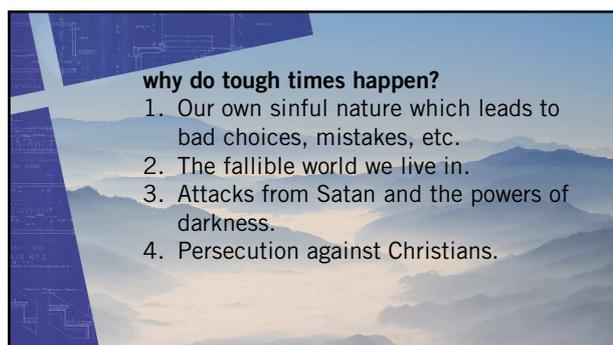


1. respond to the event
² Consider it a great joy, my brothers,
whenever you experience various trials,
james 1:2 (HCSB)

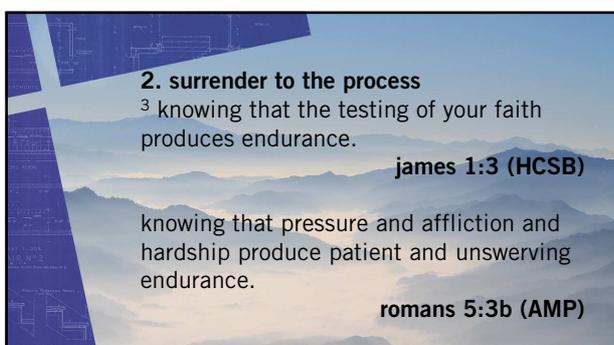
³ Moreover [let us also be full of joy now!]
let us exult and triumph in our troubles
and rejoice in our sufferings,
romans 5:3a (AMP)



1. respond to the event
¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the
fiery trial when it comes upon you to test
you, as though something strange were
happening to you.
1 peter 4:12 (ESV)

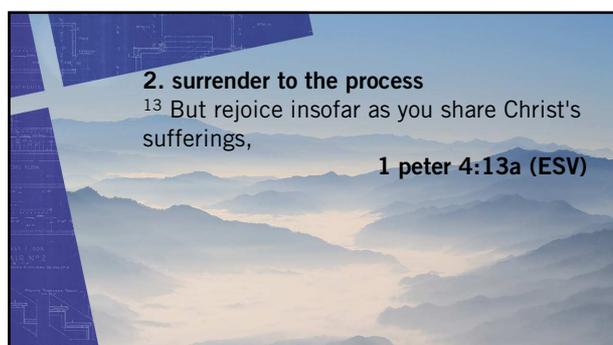


why do tough times happen?
1. Our own sinful nature which leads to
bad choices, mistakes, etc.
2. The fallible world we live in.
3. Attacks from Satan and the powers of
darkness.
4. Persecution against Christians.

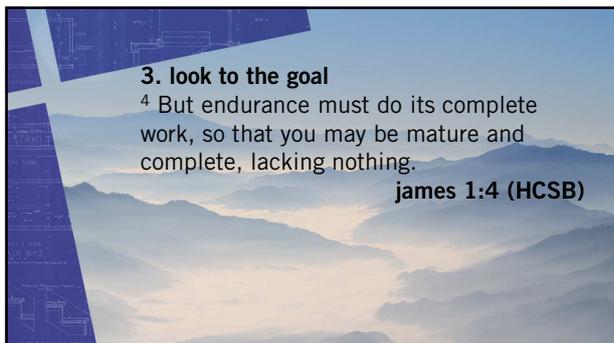


2. surrender to the process
³ knowing that the testing of your faith
produces endurance.
james 1:3 (HCSB)

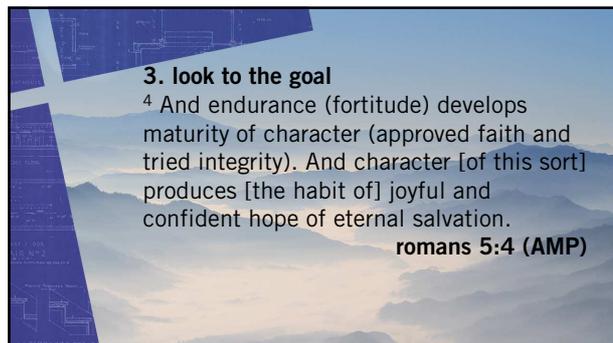
knowing that pressure and affliction and
hardship produce patient and unswerving
endurance.
romans 5:3b (AMP)



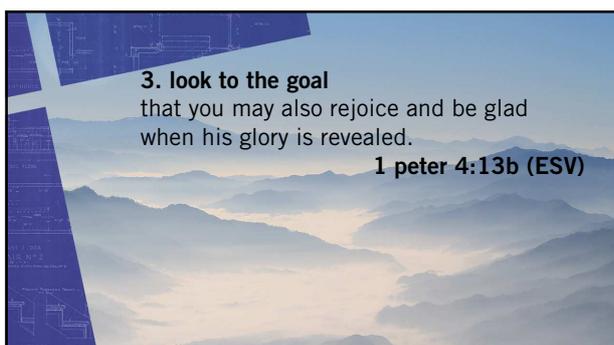
2. surrender to the process
¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's
sufferings,
1 peter 4:13a (ESV)



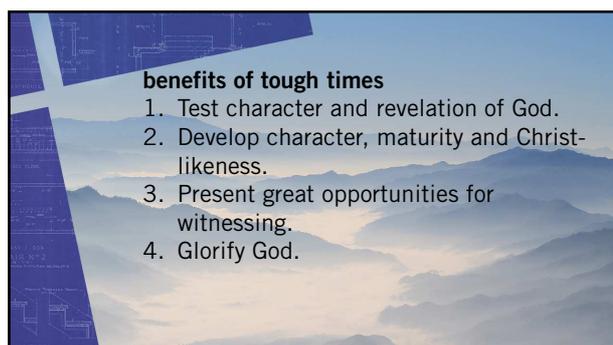
3. look to the goal
4 But endurance must do its complete work, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.
james 1:4 (HCSB)



3. look to the goal
4 And endurance (fortitude) develops maturity of character (approved faith and tried integrity). And character [of this sort] produces [the habit of] joyful and confident hope of eternal salvation.
romans 5:4 (AMP)

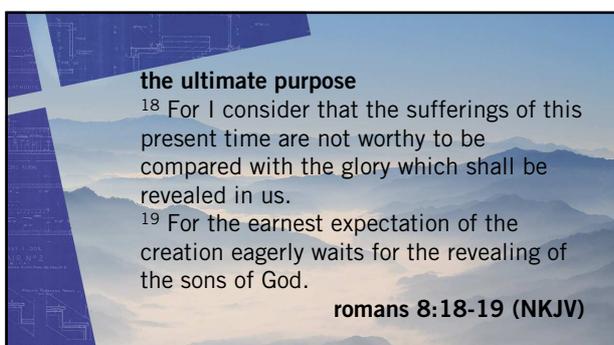


3. look to the goal
that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.
1 peter 4:13b (ESV)



benefits of tough times

1. Test character and revelation of God.
2. Develop character, maturity and Christ-likeness.
3. Present great opportunities for witnessing.
4. Glorify God.



the ultimate purpose
18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.
romans 8:18-19 (NKJV)