

Joy in the Journey
James 1:2-4
“Joy is the Ticket to Maturity”
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Question of the Sunday:

What is a mark of maturity?

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*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the **testing of your faith** produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

Living the Christian Life leads to Trials:

John 15:18 : *“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.*

2 Tim 3:12 : *In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted*

What does maturity look like for you?

Maturity makes us more like Jesus.

So the gospel itself is already offensive enough. We don't need to add offense to it by being jerks about everything. We don't need to add offense to it by being very condemning and self-righteous. We don't need to add offense to it by being incapable of actually loving and being in relationship with people. We really want to show people the compassion of Jesus even as we say very hard things.

~ Trip Lee

Action Plan

1. Reflect deeply on how God has used trials and tribulations in your life.
2. Make a commitment this week to not grumble or complain about your trials.
3. Pray and ask God to make you a mature Christ-follower.