

The Patience Of Job

In James 5:11, after proclaiming a blessing to all who endure, James mentions “the patience of Job” as an example for Christians who suffer. Suffering is indeed transformative, helping us us to be more patient, forbearing, trusting, and empathetic with others. No one enjoys the reminder that the “outward man perisheth” (2 Corinthians 4:16), but it can be used to keep the true perspective: “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal” (2 Corinthians 4:17-18).

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