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TESTING OF OUR FAITH

Introduction: The eyes of the sports world are focused on the incredible comeback story of Kurt Warner. He went from grocery store clerk to Super Bowl stardom to the sideline bench and back to the Super Bowl. It is a testimony of perseverance through trials.

JAMES 1:2-4, 12

I. R_____ OF TRIALS

Lit. - "surrounded by many colored"

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

II. R_____ FOR TRIALS

1. Trials with a _____

2. Accomplish a _____ in our lives

Heb 12:11 - "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."

III. R_____ OF TRIALS

Vs. 3-4 - "...the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

1. KJV - "_____"

2. Lit - _____

William Barclay - "The quality which makes a man able, not simply to suffer things, but to vanquish them."

3. The end product

- _____
- _____
- Lacking _____

Phil 1:6 - "...he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ."

IV. R_____ OF TRIALS TRIUMPHANTLY ENDURED

Vs. 12 - crown of life

1. _____-satisfaction
2. _____ of others
3. _____ of the father

V. R_____ TOWARDS TRIALS

1. _____
2. Because you _____

Conclusion: I've had many tears and sorrows,
I've had questions for tomorrow,
There've been times I didn't know right from wrong.
But in every situation,
God gave blessed consolation,
That my trials come to only make me strong. (Andre Crouch)