



Remain on the path of faith when life is hard in this fallen world.

- 1 - Be patient
- 2 - Establish your heart
- 3 - Do not grumble

#1 :

James 1:2-4

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

#2 :

1 Peter 2:23

When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

#3 :

“(When you are dealing with sin) you walk a fine line. You want to be undone by the wrongness of your sin and you want to rest in God’s forgiveness. You want to confess murder, adultery, arrogant judgement and pride, and you want to know that your very confession is the work of God’s Spirit in you and a consequence of his love. It is confession with a bit of a smile. Your confession is another way of saying, ‘I need Jesus.’ In response, he pardons sins and delights to show mercy.”

Ed Welch

A Small Book about a Big Problem: Meditations on Anger, Patience and Peace

#4 :

Deuteronomy 11:13-14

If you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, that you may gather in your grain and your wine and your oil.

#5 :

Genesis 50:20

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

#6 :

Deuteronomy 1:27

You murmured in your tents and said, "Because the LORD hated us he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to give us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us."

#7 :

"Grumbling is the background drone of a discontent heart. We can often have a 'big sin' or 'big problem' focus...Drug addiction, immorality, suicide threats, a disintegrating or violent marriage, those are 'big.' But how often do we miss the presence of 'little sins' - the drip, drip, drip of grumbling and complaining? Why does a marriage go on the rocks? Why does life seem hopeless and miserable? Why does adultery seem so alluring? Why...get drunk? In each case a lifestyle of grumbling may wrap around the more visible problem that attracts all the attention."

Paul Tripp

#8 :

Philippians 2:14-15

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world...

#9 :

Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.