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2022: THE YEAR OF CHRIST CONSCIOUSNESS

Challenged to Change

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Challenges Happen

Stressful Life Events

- **Death of a loved one**
- **Divorce of Separation**
- **Moving**
- **Major Illness or Injury**
- **Job Loss**

Different Types of Challenges

- **Financial**
- **Health**
- **Getting Older**
- **Career**
- **Economic**

Matthew 5:45 Amplified Bible

so that you may [show yourselves to] be the children of your Father who is in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on those who are evil and on those who are good, and makes the rain fall on the righteous [those who are morally upright] and the unrighteous [the unrepentant, those who oppose Him].

Proverbs 22:2 Amplified Bible

The rich and poor have a common bond; The Lord is the Maker of them all.

A Challenge is A Challenge

- **Challenge: The situation of being faced with something that needs great mental or physical effort in order to be done successfully and therefore tests a person's ability**

2 Timothy 3:11-13 Amplified Bible

11 persecutions, and sufferings—such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, but the Lord rescued me from them all! 12 Indeed, all who delight in pursuing righteousness *and* are determined to live godly lives in Christ Jesus will be hunted *and* persecuted [because of their faith]. 13 But evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

Don't Panic – It's Only a Test

1 Peter 1:7 New Living Translation

These tests have come to prove your faith and to show that it is good. Gold, which can be destroyed, is tested by fire. Your faith is worth much more than gold and it must be tested also. Then your faith will bring thanks and shining-greatness and honor to Jesus Christ when He comes again.

James 1:12 The Message

Anyone who meets a testing challenge head-on and manages to stick it out is mighty fortunate. For such persons loyally in love with God, the reward is life and more life.

Fight to Change

1 Timothy 6:12 Amplified Bible

Fight the good fight of the faith [in the conflict with evil]; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and [for which] you made the good confession [of faith] in the presence of many witnesses.

Romans 12:1-2 Amplified Bible

1 Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs] but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].

Challenged for change

James 1:2-3 New Living Translation

2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

Romans 8:28-29 New International Version

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.