



The Joyful Pursuit of Happiness in action: Faithful

Ask? Map

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Jesus Ask?



James 1:12-18

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James 1:12,13

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Let no one say when he is tempted...

Trial ← πειρασμός → Temptation

James 1:2

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds...

James 1:12

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James 1:13

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” ...

Speed Bump: 'God cannot be tempted'

What about Jesus?

For we...have a high priest [Jesus] ... who in every respect

has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

(Hebrews 4:15)

Speed Bump: 'God cannot be tempted'

What about Jesus?

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. (Luke 4:1-

Speed Bump: ‘Does God not test any one’

Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” [Jesus] said this to test

[Philip], for he himself knew what he would do.

(John 6:5–6)



James' Definition of Test/Trial:

Speed bump #2: Does God not test any one?



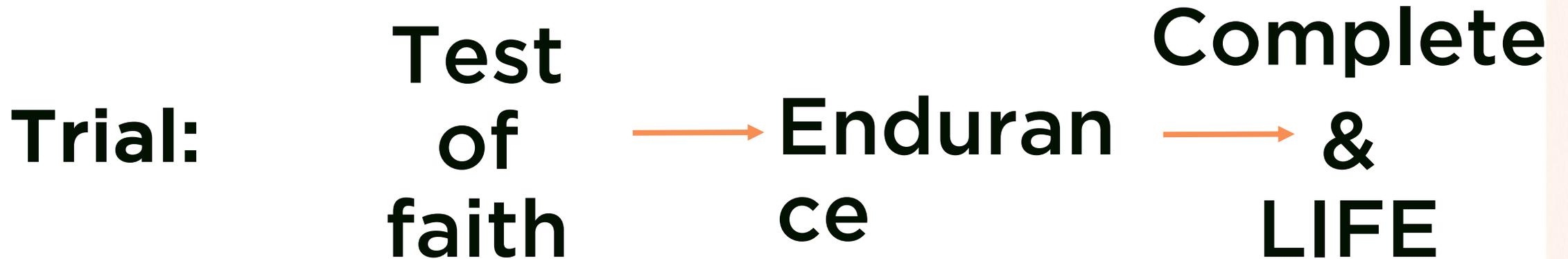
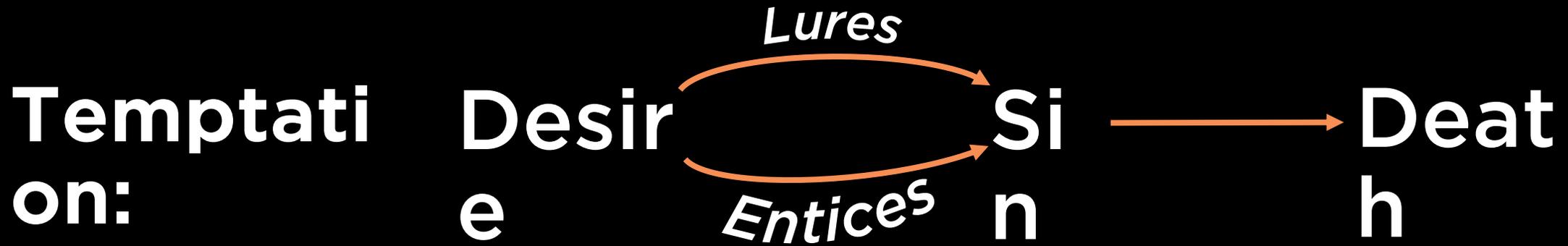
James 1:2-4, 12

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...

James 1:2-4, 12

...lacking in nothing....Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

Does God not tempt? Does God not test?



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TEST



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Ephesians 1:13

...when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, [you] were sealed [by the Holy Spirit]

Discuss with one other person:

A trial/test
I'm currently
facing is:



The lie I'm
being tempted
to believe is: