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II. THE COURSE OF PERSEVERANCE - vs. 3-4 II. THE COURSE OF PERSEVERANCE - vs. 3-4 A. Faith develops perseverance. A. Faith develops perseverance. 1. James tells us that this is something we already know. 1. James tells us that this is something we already know. 2. James is now asking us to understand and appreciate 2. James is now asking us to understand and appreciate the spiritual significance trials have in our lives. the spiritual significance trials have in our lives. 3. James expects us to weather the trials we face. 3. James expects us to weather the trials we face. a. He uses the word "testing." a. He uses the word "testing." b. It is a word that has a positive meaning. b. It is a word that has a positive meaning. c. So, the real meaning of "testing" is c. So, the real meaning of "testing" is trustworthiness, or proved. trustworthiness, or proved. d. It is the same word we read last week d. It is the same word we read earlier in -Reference: 1 Peter 1:7 Reference: 1 Peter 1:7 e. The word also carries with it the meaning of e. The word also carries with it the meaning of value – A value of our faith is that it has the value – A value of our faith is that it has the ability to carry us through the trials that we ability to carry us through the trials that we fall into. fall into. 4. Perseverance perfects our walk. 4. Perseverance perfects our walk. a. The words "finish" and "mature" are the same a. The words "finish" and "mature" are the same Greek word. Greek word. b. A perfect walk has three parts: b. A perfect walk has three parts: i. A perfect walk permits me to be i. A perfect walk permits me to be mature. mature. ii. A perfect walk permits me to be ii. A perfect walk permits me to be complete. complete. iii. A perfect walk permits me to lack iii. A perfect walk permits me to lack

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