

# **Wholeness: In the midst of disappointment**

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**2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds,**

**3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.**

**4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.**



**5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.**

**6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.**

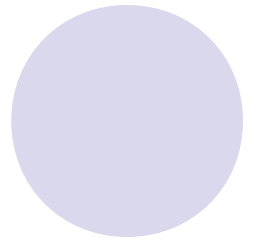
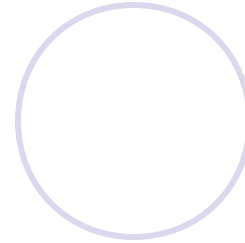
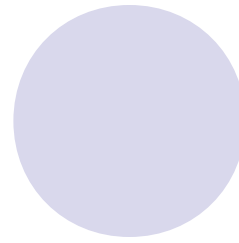
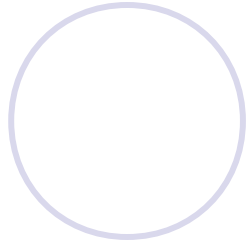
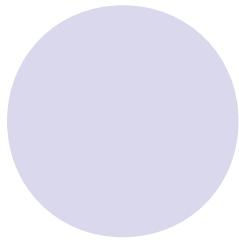
**7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord;**



**8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.**

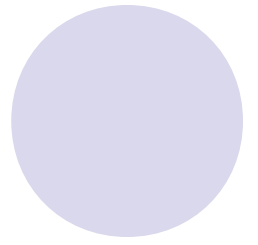
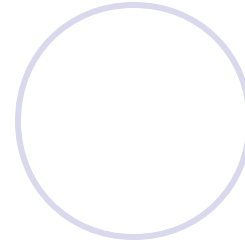
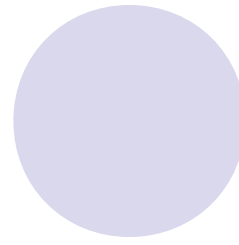
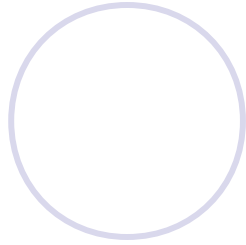
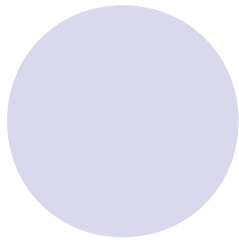
**9 The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position.**

**10 But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position, because he will pass away like a wild flower.**



**11 For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich man will fade away even while he goes about his business.**

**12 Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.**



**13 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;**

**14 but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.**

**15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.**

**16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers.**



**17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.**

**18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.**

# Jeremiah 18: 1-6

**1 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:**

**2 "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message."**

**3 So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel.**

**4 But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.**



**5 Then the word of the LORD came to me:**

**6 "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel."**

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Romans 9:21

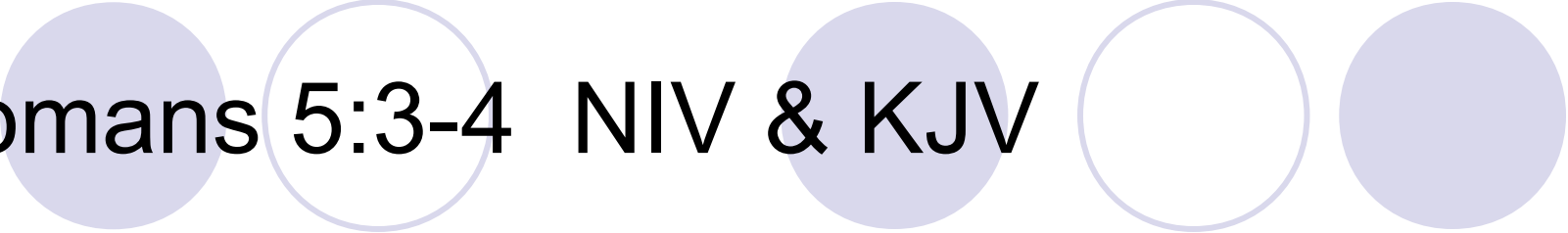
**Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?**



**Genesis 32:24-32**

**24 So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak.**

**25 When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man...**



Romans 5:3-4 NIV & KJV

**3 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance (NIV)**

**3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;**

**4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope: (KJV)**



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- **1) He is working.**
- **2) Trials and Perseverance in them.**
- **3) Hope**