

Deacon's Beacons

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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. James 1:2–4

In other translations, steadfastness is perseverance. When faith is tested it can be either strengthened or weakened. If you stand in faith, nothing can weaken that. Doubt can be seen as damaging faith but, if you are questioning in faith, doubt will strengthen that faith. Look at Thomas. He got the eternal reputation of doubting but through his doubt he becomes the first to proclaim the Risen Jesus as “My Lord and my God.” May all our doubts lead to confessions of faith like that.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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