



***“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”***

**James 1:2-4**

Dear Supporters,

Greetings to all of you from Spain in the glorious name of our Lord Jesus!

Let me start this letter with this little thought. There is no other form or manner that we may grow in the Lord than through trials. When everything is going fine, and nothing disturbs us, we tend to relax in our Christian life and in our communion with the Lord. But when we are facing troubles, we seek God and speak with Him; besides that, we have the joy of finding Him there. This is what James is telling us about in his epistle: ***“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations.”*** Our faith has no other way to gain and increase apart from trials. Let us use them to grow in the Lord!

One of these temptations has been with Bro. Jorge and his family. This is the family that came with us to see if he would be the future pastor when I retire. They are no longer with us. I was tempted to accept him as the pastor of our church because of the pressure of the need, but I had to make the decision to talk with him about what I have seen in him. His character was not what I was looking for in a minister of the Lord. His mouth was about right, but his character did not support his words. He suffered such change when he got the pulpit. He became transformed. The church agreed with my decision. Several individuals confessed that they had some testimonies of the lack of Christian character in him and his wife.

We are still looking for the future pastor of our church. Please, be in prayer for that. Dear Pastors, if you know of a good conservative Christian family that God has called to the ministry, let them contact me to discuss that possibility.

For a long time, I was waiting for surgery. Now it is done. I had a problem in my urethra that needed to be fixed. They call it Stenosis Urethral. Due to that, I had many urinary infections that sometimes brought me to the hospital with a very high fever. For a month, I had to use a catheter. What a relief to not need that anymore! The recovery has been very slow and long, but finally, I am totally recovered, thank God!

Good news! Ultimately, the family we were expecting to move to our church has come. They are a very precious family. Santi (short of Santiago, James in English), Vero, short of Veronica, and their precious two-year-old daughter named Paula, the feminine of Paul. Vero was saved a long time ago, but Santi was saved several years ago after I preached. When the service was over, he received Christ as his personal Savior. They used to live in a city some 675 km (about 420 miles) from us and followed our services via YouTube. Please, dear people, be much in prayer for them. I have noted that they are spiritually a little low and weak. May the Lord help them to start growing in Him. It is just the normal result of not getting to church regularly. For years they have not been able to attend a church. There was no one in their area. Brethren, we need each other as Hebrews clearly says: ***“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”*** Heb. 10:23-25 We should never forget such a very important instruction!

I could never finish my letter without expressing my gratitude for the efforts you make in faithfully sending your prayers to our Lord and your financial support to me. Thank you very, very much to all of you!! May God richly bless you for your hearts for Him and for missionaries.

In Christ's holy name, and at his service,  
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***“Finally, brethren,  
PRAY FOR US,  
that the word of the Lord  
may have free course, and  
be glorified, even as it is  
with you.”***

**(2 Thessalonians 3:1)**