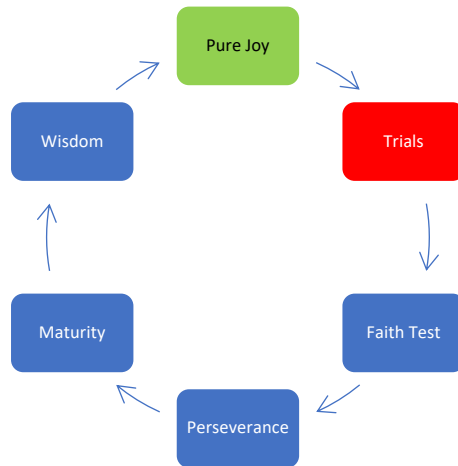


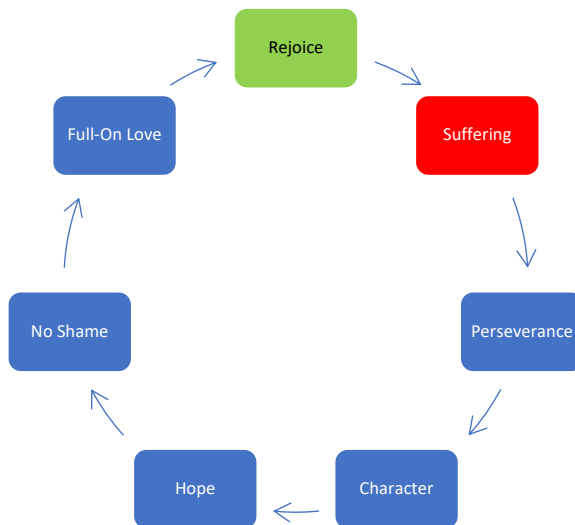
# UNDERSTANDING FAITH-BUILDING CYCLES

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**James 1:2-5** - Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.



**Romans 5:3-5** - Not only so, but we<sup>[a]</sup> also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.



## Principles of Growth Through Faith Building Cycles

1. God uses our trials to shape our lives and character.
2. God allows suffering to address our sin and selfishness.
3. God uses our pain to call us to full surrender to Him.
4. God utilizes troubles to draw out new perspectives and priorities.
5. God Doesn't waste pain – teaches us to help others.