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2. Even though you think you are physically prepared - you are tested beyond your limits - it produces **Endurance**.
3. Proof of **Character**.
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Romans 5:3 And not only *this*, but [with joy] let us exult in our sufferings *and* rejoice in our hardships, knowing that hardship (distress, pressure, trouble) produces patient endurance; **4** and endurance, proven character (spiritual maturity); and proven character, hope *and* confident assurance [of eternal salvation]. **5** Such hope [in God's promises] never disappoints *us*, because God's love has been abundantly poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.



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