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1. PROBLEMS ARE **Inevitable**.

*"... whenever you face trials ..."*

2. PROBLEMS ARE **Unpredictable**.

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3. PROBLEMS ARE **of many Kinds**.

*"... trials of many kinds ..."*

4. PROBLEMS ARE **Purposeful**.

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### 3 PURPOSES OF PROBLEMS (vs.3-4)

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*"You know that the testing of your faith..."*

• Problems fortify my **patience**.

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#### II. HOW TO HANDLE YOUR PROBLEMS (vs. 5-6)

1. **REJOICE**

*"Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials..." (vs. 1)*

2. **REQUEST**

*"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." (vs. 5)*

3. **RELAX**

*"But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt ..." (vs.6)*

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