

A sepia-toned photograph of a cluttered antique shop. The shop is filled with various items, including birdhouses, lanterns, metalware, and decorative objects. The items are arranged on shelves, tables, and hanging from the ceiling. The overall atmosphere is one of a well-stocked, somewhat chaotic antique store. The text "Messy Life" is overlaid in the center in a white, serif font.

Messy Life

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6 NIV



Dear brothers and sisters, when *troubles of any kind* come your way, *consider* it an *opportunity* for great *joy*...

James 1:2-4 NLT



Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. ³ For you know that when your *faith* is *tested*, your *endurance* has a chance to *grow*. ⁴ So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be *perfect* and *complete*, needing *nothing*.

James 1:2-4 NLT





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 - Joy is discovering something about your faith that you would never have learned otherwise



Discomfort is the *price* of *growth*

Jeff Henderson



That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. ¹⁷ For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! ¹⁸ So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NLT



Never confuse a *single* defeat with a *final* defeat

F. Scott Fitzgerald



We are *not defined* by our *mess*, but a messy life
will *challenge* where our *confidence lies*

