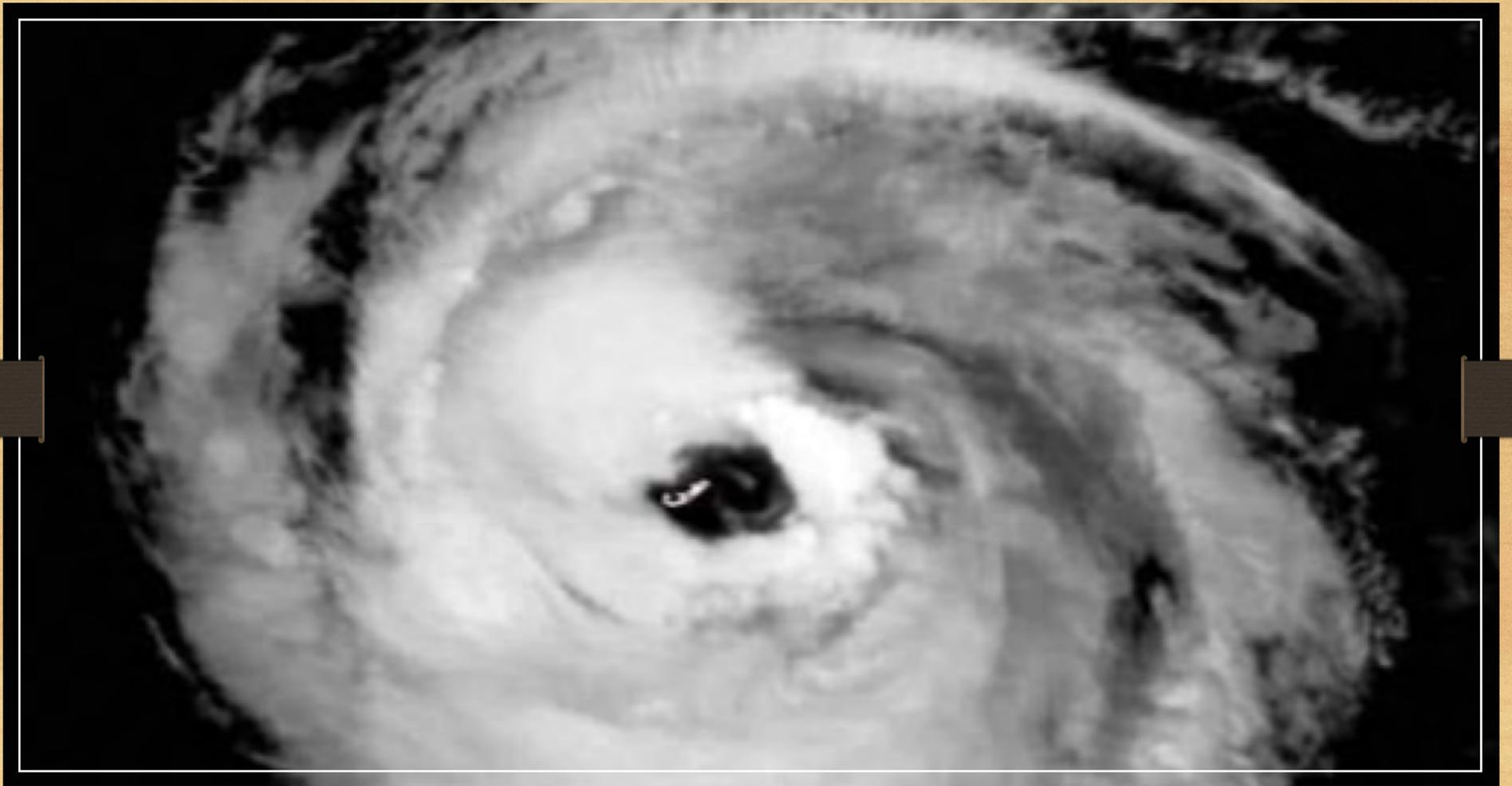


# Wisdom in Real Life

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A Study of the Letter of James



# Real Life Includes Tests

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Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

James 1:2-4 (NASB)

# We Must Recognize Life Tests

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- Life tests are inevitable
- Life tests are variable
- Life tests are providential

## We Respond to Life Tests

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- We make a conscious choice; joy
- We make an informed choice; faith
- We make a focused choice; Jesus Christ

## The conscious choice; joy

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Joy: the consistent sense of bliss that comes from a deep souled contentment (a smile of the soul) in the person, promises and presence of God.

The joy we choose is a transcendent joy

## The informed choice; faith

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We know that faith produces endurance and  
endurance results in fulfillment

The joy we choose has a transcendent purpose

## The focused choice; Jesus Christ

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Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb. 12:2

The joy we choose has a transcendent exemplar