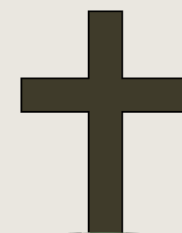
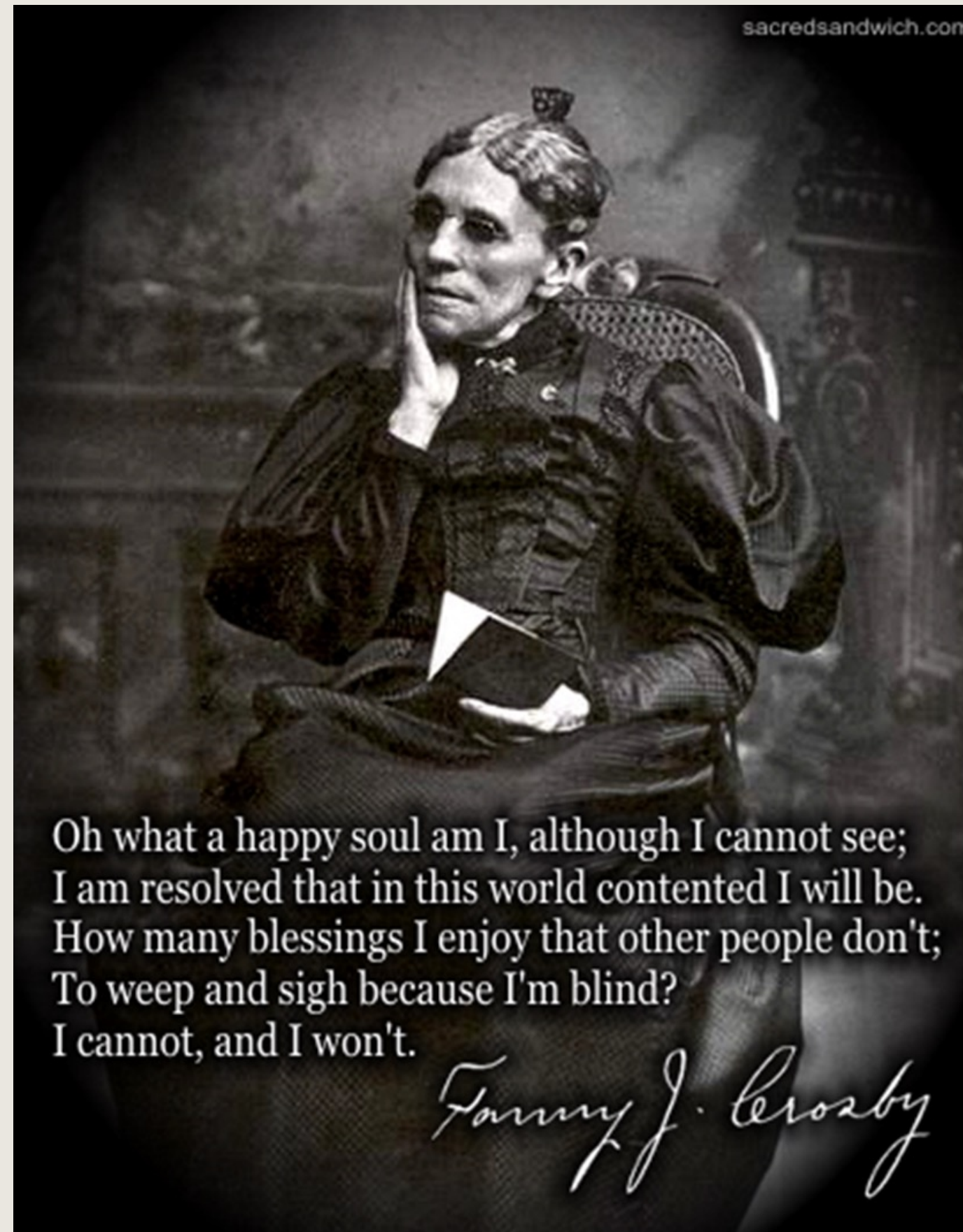


# Joy In Trials



# Fanny Crosby



Oh what a happy soul am I, although I cannot see;  
I am resolved that in this world contented I will be.  
How many blessings I enjoy that other people don't;  
To weep and sigh because I'm blind?  
I cannot, and I won't.

*Fanny J. Crosby*

# Main Truth:

Believers can have joy in times of trials because it is  
for the perfecting of our faith.



James 1

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# James 1:2-4

**2** Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,

**3** for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

**4** And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.



# James 1:5-8

**5** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

**6** But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

**7** For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

**8** he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

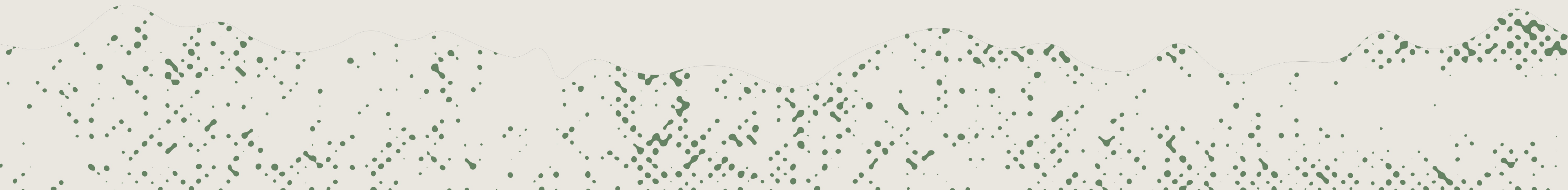


# James 1:9-11

**9** Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation,

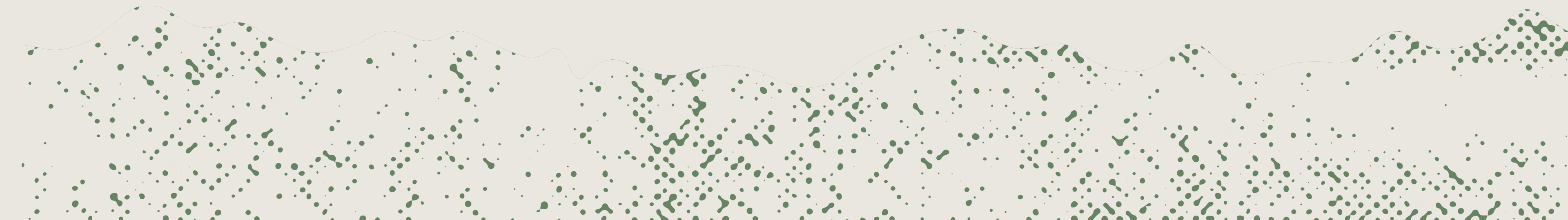
**10** and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away.

**11** For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.



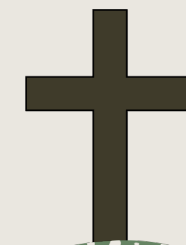
# James 1:12

**12** Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.



# Reflection Question:

What is the source of my joy?



THE LORD'S  
SUPPER

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MATTHEW 26:26-29



# Remembrance Passage

## I Peter 2:22-25

<sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

