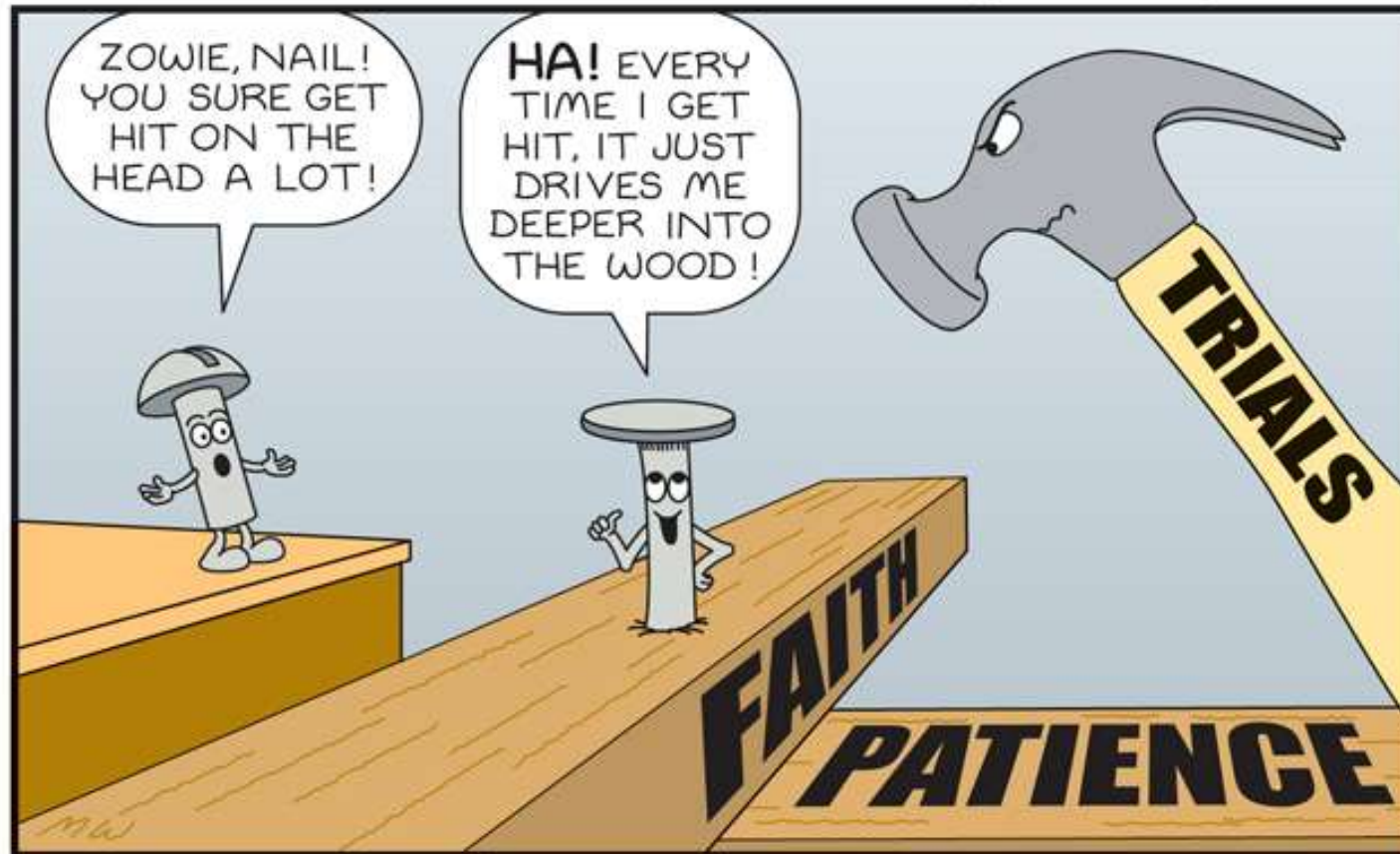


HAMMER & NAIL

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

— JAMES 1:2-3 KJV

(James 1:2-3) My brethren, count (**think**) it all joy when ye fall (**happen**) into divers (**different**) temptations (**trials [tests]**); (3) Knowing this, that the trying (**test**) of your **faith** worketh (**result**) patience.

Temptations = suffering and persecution

Faith = our spiritual life—walk with Jesus

Patience = strength to continue

Our **spiritual life** becomes stronger through **suffering**.