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☞ **Mal 3 : 2 - 3**

☞ *But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver.*

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- ⌘ Suffering under foreign dominion and in desperate circumstances they began to question
- ⌘ -God's Providence,
- ⌘ -Doubt His promises,
- ⌘ -Suspect His justice, and
- ⌘ They even wondered if the Messiah would ever come.

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- ☞ Malachi tells the people that God has not forgotten them and calls us to a deeper kind of preparation – a serious spiritual preparation.
- ☞ 1 John 3:3 - *“And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”*
- ☞ Purity comes from the refiners fire, Preparing for the Lord’s coming is a matter of purification

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☞ "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."

☞ Therefore the passion for purity and holiness is not to be considered as a plaything, it is a process of refinement which goes through the furnace of affliction.

☞ We all are going through this process as Christians

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1. Get comfortable being uncomfortable.

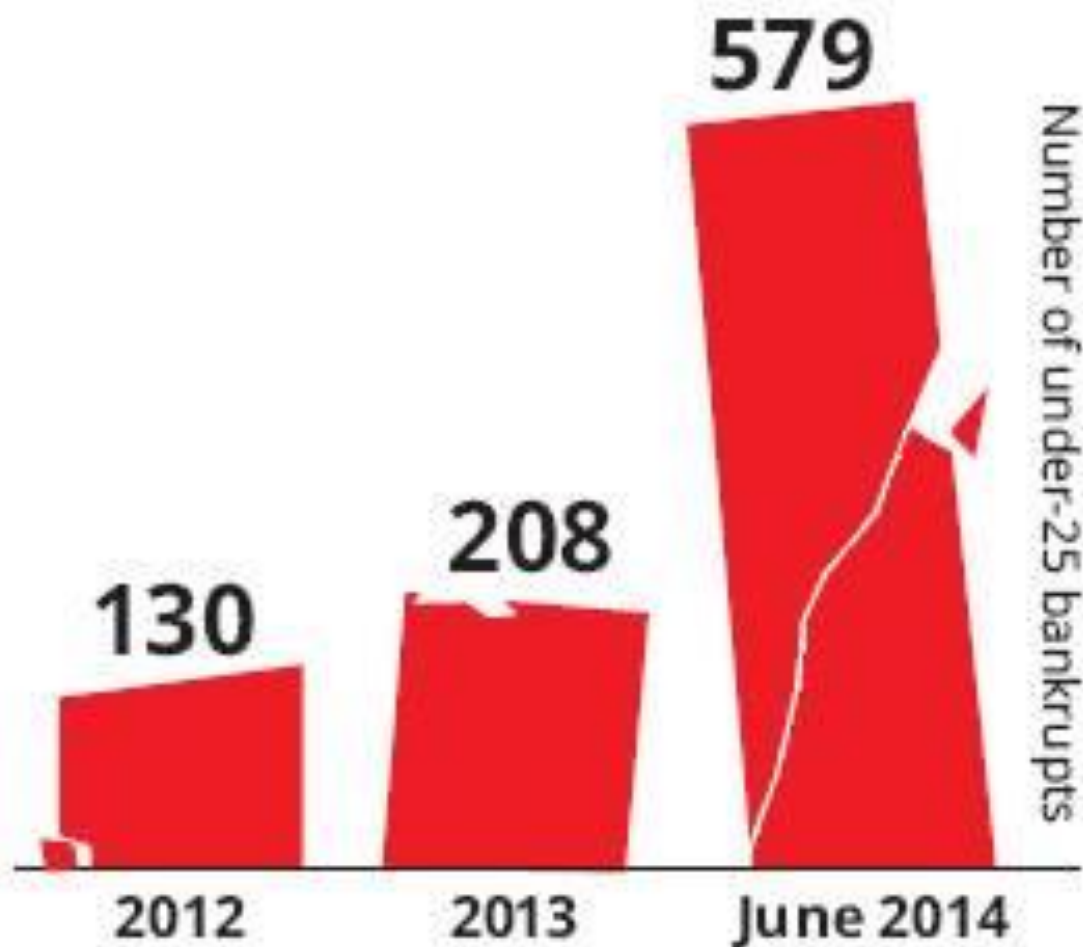
✧ James 1: 2-4 *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

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- ⌘ We are not exceptional, there is a sense that this should happen to others but not me.
- ⌘ There is this believe that the world owe you and I something.
- ⌘ There is a dillusion optimism to believe that we can live beyond our means and not face consequences.

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Young and broke in Malaysia



Top causes

- Outstanding car loan
- Defaulted housing loan
- Unpaid personal loans
- Unpaid business loans
- Credit card debt
- Unsettled student loans

Source: Malaysia Department of Insolvency

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- ⌘ There is now an increment of bankruptcy in our country with over 47% of young adults' age between 18 – 35-years-old are having serious debts due to living beyond their means.
- ⌘ According to the recent statistics from the Malaysian Department of Insolvency (MDI), an average of 1,812 people are declared bankrupt per month last year.
- ⌘ The Problem – “we gotta have it easy”

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- ∞ Refining process is not easy, infact can be very uncomfortable. The goal is to be purify!!!
- ∞ Do we get clean from the inside?
- ∞ James 5:16 - *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.*

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2. Purify with the right Perspective

☞ *Philippians 2: 12-15 - Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed - not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence - continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become **blameless and pure**, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.*

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- ⌘ Everything in life is about perspective.
- ⌘ Sometimes minor set back can create psychological and spiritual meltdown in ppl who don't have spiritual prespective.
- ⌘ Complaint about life....so much going on. Can't even breath. Life is so unfair.

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- ⌘ We feel like we got the rights to complaint.
- ⌘ Everything in life does not have to feel good
- ⌘ A person's contentment is contingent on his/her relationship with God
- ⌘ If God is not enough for you, nothing else in this life will matter.

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- ☞ Giving from a cleansed heart in a right condition before God
- ☞ God wants you and I to give/do everything with that condition.
 - HOPE Gala Night
 - YOUTH Camp
 - X'MAS Service
 - BANQUET '15

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- ☞ Romans 8:18 - *“For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time [are] not worthy [to be compared] with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”*
- ☞ The purifying process will result in glory and praise for us. It is not worthy to be compared with the glory He will give us later.
- ☞ Therefore first we have to understand that it is God’s purpose to refine/purify us.

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- ☞ As we wait for the coming of our Lord let us do OUR PART.
- ☞ What a comfort it is to see that He surrenders this work to no one, He may give charge to His angels concerning us when we are in danger BUT when it comes to our refinement He Himself does it.
- ☞ Pro 25:4 - *Remove the dross from the silver, and a silversmith can produce a vessel*