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Breezy. Cloudy north. Showers in areas. Mostly sunny south. Highs in the lower 50s north to upper 60s far south. Partly cloudy tonight. Breezy. Weather map appears on Page A28.

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## HAMAS TEMPERS EXTREME STANCES IN BID FOR POWER

### BATTLE FOR CREDIBILITY

Presenting a Moderate  
Face to Gain Ground  
Against Fatah

By IAN FISHER

JERUSALEM — Hamas, the militant group built around violent resistance to Israel, sought on Monday to present a more moderate public face, taking its next shot in an intensifying struggle for leadership of the Palestinian cause and international recognition.

Released by Hamas just days before its chief rival, the Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas, was to meet President Trump, a new document of principles for the group calls for closer ties to Egypt, waters down the anti-Semitic language from its charter, and accepts at least a provisional Palestinian state — though it still does not formally recognize Israel.



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## A Clash of Protesters and Politics

Police officers in Paris at a May Day rally, one of several in France, where unions are divided over the presidential election. Page A6.

## TRUMP OVERTURE TO NORTH KOREA IS FULL OF RISKS

### IMPROMPTU DIPLOMACY

Offering to Meet With  
Kim While Duterte  
Gives a Brush-Off

By MARK LANDLER

WASHINGTON — President Trump continued his outreach to rogue leaders on Monday, declaring he would meet North Korea's dictator, Kim Jong-un, provided the circumstances were right, even as the Philippine president, Rodrigo Duterte, brushed aside the president's invitation to visit the White House, saying he might be "too busy."

Mr. Trump's unorthodox overtures — to a nuclear-armed despot who brutally purged his rivals, and an insurgent politician accused of extrajudicial killings of drug suspects — illustrated the president's confidence in his ability to make deals and his willingness to talk to virtually any-

“How do you deal with these trials?”



# FAITH WORKS

THE BOOK OF JAMES

James, a servant of God and of the  
Lord Jesus Christ:  
To the twelve tribes dispersed  
abroad. Greetings.

James 1:1



A person wearing a dark jacket is working on a mechanical engine in a workshop. The scene is dimly lit with a warm, orange-brown color palette. The person's hands are visible, focused on the engine components. The background shows a tiled wall and various tools and parts.

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THE BOOK OF JAMES

Consider it great joy, my  
brothers and sisters, whenever  
you experience various trials...

James 1:2

Trials are normal

Consider it great joy, my  
brothers and sisters, whenever  
you experience various trials...

James 1:2

Man is born for trouble as  
surely as the sparks fly upward.

Job 5:7



Don't act on your feelings

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Consider it great joy, my brothers  
and sisters, whenever you  
experience various trials...

James 1:2

Look at your trials through the  
filter of God's character

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Consider it great joy, my brothers  
and sisters, whenever you  
experience various trials...

James 1:2

I lift my eyes toward the mountains.  
Where will my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not allow your foot to slip;  
your Protector will not slumber.  
Indeed, the Protector of Israel  
does not slumber or sleep.

Psalm 121:1-4

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and sisters, whenever you  
experience various trials...

James 1:2



Joy is deep satisfaction that comes from knowing that God is in control even when my circumstances seem to be out of control.

Maturity comes from the school  
of hard knocks

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of hard knocks

...because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.

James 1:3-4

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He knows the way I have taken;  
when he has tested me, I will  
emerge as pure gold.

Job 23:10

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# Why Trials?

- God wants to get rid of our sin and to purify us.
- God uses suffering to test our faith.

# Why Trials?

- God uses times of difficulty to humble us.
- God uses hard times to prepare us to minister to others.

# Why Trials?

- God uses hard times to reveal a new understanding of his character.
- We may never know.

Refuse to give in to bitterness



Be a student, not a victim

Give thanks for what you can

Remember, God doesn't waste your trial

We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

Make up your mind to press on

