



“Rejoicing in Trials”

1 Peter 1:6-9

1 Peter: The Transforming Epistle

1 Peter 1:6-9 – “In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.”

6 Reminders About Trials

1. Trials are varied.

Verse 6: “...*various trials*...”

2. Trials are not easy.

Verse 6: “...*distressed*...”

3. Trials are temporary.

Verse 6: “...*now, for a little while*...”

4. Trials have a purpose.

Verse 6: “...*if necessary*...”

5. Trials prove our faith.

Verse 7: “...*so that the proof of your faith... may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ*...”

6. Trials purify our faith.

Verse 7: “...*your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire*...”

2 Motivations for Overcoming Trials

1. Love for Christ

Verse 8: *"...though you have not seen Him, you love Him..."*

2. Joy of salvation

Verses 8-9 – *"... and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls."*

Discussion Questions:

1. What is your attitude toward trials in general? Do you tend to fear them, avoid them, resent them, or rejoice in the midst of them?
2. What trial are you going through right now, and how well are you handling it?
3. What are some of the biblical reasons God allows trials to come into our life?
4. What did you learn from the message that will help you and encourage you to persevere through trials?
5. Spend some time praying for one another and for our church family.