

Truths about trials to help us endure from 1 Peter 1:6-9

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Setting up the verse:

Various Trials

- “[6] In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved **by various trials...**”
- Scriptures referenced: 1 Peter 4:12, John 16:33

Grieving

- “[6] In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, **you have been grieved** by various trials...”
- Help with grieving: Psalms and The Well Church sermon series “Lamentations: Sowing in Sorrow.”
- “Grieved” is between 2 mentions of “rejoice.”
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TRUTHS ABOUT TRIALS

1. Trials are for a little while.

- “[6] In this you rejoice, **though now for a little while**, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials...”
- Scriptures referenced: 2 Corinthians 4:17

2. Trials are purposeful.

- “[6] In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, **if necessary**, you have been grieved by various trials...”
- Scriptures referenced: Luke 24:26, Romans 11:33, Psalm 136:1, Romans 8:39

3. Trials are making us holy.

- “[7] so that the **tested genuineness of your faith**—more precious than gold that perishes though it is **tested by fire**...”
- Resource to help with repenting: thewellchurchok.com > Resources > Infographics > The Path.
- Resource to help with idols: The Well Church sermon series “Better Than.”

4. Trials result in praise and glory and honor.

- “[7] so that the tested genuineness of your faith... **may be found to result in praise and glory and honor** at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”
- Scriptures referenced: Matthew 25:21, 1 Corinthians 15:43, Romans 8:17, Revelation 22:4

5. Trials increase our love for Jesus and deepen our belief in Jesus.

- “[8] Though you have not seen Him, **you love Him**. Though you do not now see Him, **you believe in Him**.”
- Scriptures that increase my love and deepen my belief: Matthew 11:28-30, Philippians 4:7, Ephesians 6:10, Ephesians 1:19-20, Psalm 32:8, James 1:17

6. Trials lead to inexpressible joy.

- “[8] ... and **rejoice with joy that is inexpressible** and filled with glory, [9] obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”
- Scriptures referenced: Revelation 21:3-5, Philippians 1:6, 2 Corinthians 3:18

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Please discuss the following questions with those at your table. Please be open to how God wants to use your thoughts and experiences to bless and encourage others. If you don't feel comfortable sharing during this discussion, we encourage you to seek out someone tonight, someone in your GC this week, or someone else you trust within the church to talk through this with them.

1. Which truth about trials encourages you the most? Why?
2. What trials have you walked through in the past? What did the Lord teach you?
3. Are you currently walking through a trial? (If not, please remember that it's also okay to be okay! We are celebrating with you!) But if you are, are you grieving that trial with the Lord? How can we be praying for you in the midst of your current trial?

