

Suffering: A Factory of Joy?

1 Peter 1:6-9

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We don't like to suffer.

What is the right way to view suffering?

In this you rejoice

What is 'this'?

My trials are brief

This too shall pass (2 Cor 4:17-18)

My trials are necessary

Trials are not random, purposeless, or unfair.

But everyone has trials (Heb 12:6, 8, 2 Tim 3:12; John 16:33; Acts 14:22)

My trials are grievous

Trials are meant to be felt.

My Trials have a purpose

What is the purpose of these various trials?

Through the trial, you see the reality and the strength of your faith.

My Trial reveals my faith to be precious and enduring

Peter both compares and contrasts faith and gold.

More precious than gold.

More enduring than gold.

How are they similar?

They both need trial by fire to purify, and strengthen them.

God will reward believers for their faith.

(1 Cor 4:5; Matt 25:21; Rom 2:7,10; Col 3:4; 2 Tim 4:8)

Blind Love

John 20:28-29

Rejoice with joy that is inexpressible.

Obtaining the outcome of your faith, salvation.