

Thriving In Life's Trials

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1 PETER 1:3-9

Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we are starting a new series that will be covering the book of First Peter. First Peter was written by the Apostle Peter most likely during his time in Rome a few years before he was martyred in Rome. The book gives great insight to how we as Christians should face the trials and suffering in our lives. Peter is writing to the churches scattered throughout Asia including everything between Rome and Jerusalem. These Churches had suffered many different kinds of trials and Peter seeks to remind them of the hope that we have in Jesus Christ and the joy that comes with the knowledge of the imperishable inheritance.



① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read I Peter 1:3-9 (NET)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he gave us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴ that is, into an inheritance imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. It is reserved in heaven for you,

⁵ who by God's power are protected through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ This brings you great joy, although you may have to suffer for a short time in various trials.

⁷ Such trials show the proven character of your faith, which is much more valuable than gold—gold that is tested by fire, even though it is passing away—and will bring praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸ You have not seen him, but you love him. You do not see him now but you believe in him, and so you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,

⁹ because you are attaining the goal of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

② EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN?

1. Define an imperishable inheritance.

2. How can we have joy now for something that we don't have yet?

3. What assures us that we will receive the inheritance promised?

4. What is the advantage of suffering in trials?

5. When is it hardest to see the trials you are in as something that proves your faith and ultimately brings joy?

6. Why do you think the inheritance is worth the trial?

7. God has promised us a great inheritance, why do you think we have to wait?

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does this MATTER to me?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

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