

# Faith in Trials

## Different: Part 1

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*I am writing to God's chosen people who are living as foreigners in the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.*

1 Peter 1:1

**parepidemois** = exiles, sojourners, aliens, strangers, foreigners

*And through your faith, God is protecting you by His power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see. So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold – though your faith is far more precious than gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.*

1 Peter 1:5-7

## Three Kinds of False Faith

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Faith

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Faith

Matthew 13:20-21

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Faith

## How Can God Use Our Trials?

1. Trials \_\_\_\_\_ Our Faith

*“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, so that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to Me again, strengthen your brothers.”*

Luke 22:31-32

*Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.*

James 1:2-3

God never \_\_\_\_\_ hurt.

2. Trials Can Draw You \_\_\_\_\_ to God

*You love God even though you have never seen Him. Though you do not see Him now, you trust Him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. The reward for trusting Him will be the salvation of your souls.*

1 Peter 1:8-9

*“Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”*

John 16:33

## Talk About It

- You may have had a time when a trial revealed something about your faith. What kind of faith did it reveal?
- Have you experienced a trial that somehow drew you closer to God? What caused you to move closer to God instead of moving away from Him?
- In what way(s) can you choose to begin to trust God with a trial you are currently facing?

\* All scriptures from NLT unless otherwise noted