

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: 1 Peter 1:6-9

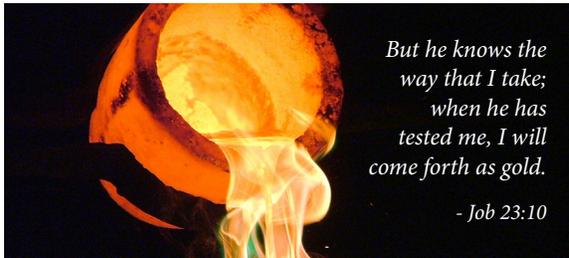
Current Series: Between 2 Worlds (A Study in 1 Peter)

Message Title: A Pick Up for Down Days

1 Peter 1:6-9 - *In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

Three words: _____

1. Trials _____ Faith



2. Trials _____ Faith

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1 Peter 1:6-9

1. Honestly, how do you feel about trials? In what ways do you share Peter's viewpoint? In what ways do you struggle to accept what Peter reveals in this passage?
2. How does knowing "trials only come for a little while" help you? In what ways can knowing this fact help you get through a trial you are currently in the midst of?
3. How have you seen trials refine faith? How have you seen this for the betterment or the detriment of others? Why are both outcomes possible?
4. In what ways are you better due to "refining fires?"
5. In 1 Peter 1:7-8 we find a number of characteristics and qualities of genuine faith. How does each of these faith matters express true faith in God, or the absence of true faith?
6. Why does hardship have such a dramatic impact on a person's faith? How has your faith changed due to the trials you have gone through?
7. How can this study encourage you the next time hardship hits? What do you hope to remember that could be helpful?