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LIVING STONES

TRIAL AND TRIUMPH

1 PETER 1:6-9

Three truths about our trials:

1) Our trials come in various forms.

Therefore, we need to develop a resilient spirit.

2) Our trials remove our reliance on the world.

Therefore, we need to seek help primarily from God.

3) Our trials open a path to a reward.

Therefore, we have reason to rejoice in our trials.

Matthew 5:11–12 ... "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Memory Verse for November

"And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves."

Luke 22:25-27

Scripture to Pray

Psalm 71:1–6 ... *"In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame! In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me! Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you."*

From the Resources

"Even though we suffer unjustly at the hands of men, we never suffer unjustly at the hands of God. So, Peter says, we are grieved by trials that come upon us, but in the midst of them we can rejoice exceedingly, not only because of the inheritance laid up for us, but also because we can be sure that through these trials, the genuineness of our faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

- R.C. Sproul
- 1-2 Peter (pg. 20)