

## “DIFFERENT: FAITH IN TRIALS”

*This letter is from Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. 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 NLT)*

**parepidēmois—exiles, sojourners, aliens, strangers, foreigners**

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while. <sup>7</sup>These trials will show that your faith is genuine. (1 Peter 1:6-7 NLT)

### THREE TYPES OF FALSE FAITH

1. **INHERITED FAITH**
2. **SHALLOW FAITH**
3. **CONDITIONAL FAITH**

### HOW DOES GOD USE YOUR TRIALS?

1. **TRIALS EXPOSE YOUR FAITH.**

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

*These trials will show that your faith is genuine. (1 Peter 1:7 NLT)*

*“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. <sup>32</sup>But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”(Luke 22:31-32 NIV)*

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup>Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (James 1:2-4 NIV)*

2. **TRIALS DRAW YOU CLOSER 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. <sup>9</sup>The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls. (1 Peter 1:8-9 NLT)*

### GOING DEEPER

1. Think of a time when a trial exposed your faith. What kind of faith did it expose: inherited faith, shallow faith, conditional faith, or genuine faith?
2. Have you experienced a trial that drew you closer to God? What caused you to move closer to God instead of moving away from Him?
3. What trial are you facing right now? How can you begin to trust God with it?