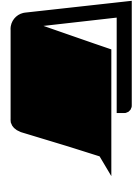


this *exile* life



A SERIES IN 1 PETER

Sunday, January 24, 2021 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 3 | **When Life Gets Hard**

1 Peter 1:6-9

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The **TRIALS** you face

v. 6

trials v. consequences

1 Peter 2:20

“for a little while”

2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Romans 8:18; 1 Peter 5:10

all have **PURPOSE**

v. 7

genuine faith

Psalms 66:10; Prov. 17:3

growth in conduct & character

James 1:2-4; Job 23:10

—face them **IN HOPE!**

v. 8-9

by faith

Hebrews 11:1; 2 Corinthians 5:7; John 20:29

it *will* become sight!

1 Corinthians 2:9; 1 John 3:2



Grow.

Food for Thought...

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

1. James 1:1-12 is a parallel passage to 1 Peter 3:6-9. Take some time to **carefully and thoughtfully read James 1:1-12**, then work through the questions below.

Look carefully at verse 2. How do you do this? Why would James say this

When was a time that you experienced great joy?

What is the difference between joy and happiness?

Read the text carefully: Does James count the trial itself joy? Or something else joy?

How can we possibly be joyful at a time when we are facing trials? (**Of note:** *Both Peter and James were writing to Christians who were facing trials and suffering—some of which was intense. — See Acts 8:1-3 and 11:19-20 as examples.*)

For more read **Romans 5:2-5; Acts 5:41-42; Matthew 5:10-12; 1 Peter 4:12-16; Philippians 3:10-11**

2. God wants to use trials to grow us in conduct and character. **Read Hebrews 5:14.** Are you the same Christian you were 20 years ago? Will you be the same in another 20? Why or why not? What has caused/will cause this change? What role have trials in your life played?
3. **Read James 1:2-4.** What is our role in this process? What is God's?

Life Group Sign-Ups Are Open!



Each fall and spring people from Wawasee Bible meet regularly in small groups to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups and they meet in various homes and on campus. If you really want to connect and grow, you need to get in a Life Group! If you're interested, check out the sign-ups in the Commons or let someone know at the Connect Desk. You can also email dave@wawaseebible.com.

Personal Prayer Items



NEW YEAR CHALLENGE

Make a daily list of the evidences of God at work in your life.

Deuteronomy 11:7 says, “Your eyes have seen all the great work of the LORD that he did.” — As you begin 2021, your challenge is to start a *daily* list of the good things you see God do. At the end of each day, add to your list. Keep it in your Bible or on your phone, and thank God for those things each day!

Word Find for 1 Peter 1:6-9 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

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