**KEY: Sometimes, God’s allowing trials & suffering to develop your faith “deeper” / genuine, authentic.**

**KEY: A Faith That Is Tested Is A Faith That Can Be Trusted.**

*31“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. 32But 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

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

* **Pain Draws You CLOSER To God.**

***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 end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.* 1 Peter 1:8-9

* **Rescue, “salvation” is COMING.**

***10****Concerning this* ***salvation****, the prophets, who spoke of the* ***grace*** *that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care,*

***11****trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow.****12****It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.* 1 Peter 1:10-12

### KEY: No matter what happens in life, we can still have hope.

**1 Peter: Not Of This World.**

**In The Midst of Suffering, Remember…**

**1/8/23**

* **You Can Be In the CENTER of God’s Will.**

*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God’s elect,****exiles scattered***

*throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia,* 1 Peter 1:1

*Exiles*. Gk parepidēmois—exiles, sojourners, aliens, strangers, foreigners

### KEY: Peter wrote to Christians who fled Jerusalem due to PERSECUTION.

### *2who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.* 1 Peter 1:2

* **An Eternal INHERITANCE Has Your Name On It.**

***3****Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a* ***living hope****through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,****4****and into* ***an inheritance****that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,****5****who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.*1 Peter 1:3-5

* **To Rejoice Because There’s A Purpose In Your PAIN.**

***6****In all 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 the* ***proven genuineness of your faith****—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.* 1 Peter 1:6-7

Romans 5:6-8

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