

Trusting God in Difficulties

James 1:1-18

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In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 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.

1 Peter 1:6-7

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Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you... And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:6-7... 10-11

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 - Trials call for perseverance.
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 - Need for control is an obstacle to trusting God.
 - Trials befall us all.
 - A fulfilled life is the blessing of faithfulness under trial.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from the words of my groaning?

2 O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not
answer,

by night, and am not silent.

3 Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the praise of Israel.

4 In you our fathers put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.

5 They cried to you and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not disappointed.