

**“HOW ARE YOU RESPONDING TO THE TRIALS IN YOUR LIFE?”**  
(1 Peter 1:6-7)

**I. YOUR SUFFERINGS/TRIALS NEED TO BE VIEWED IN LIGHT OF GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION FOR YOU. (1 Peter 1:1-12)**

**A. The INTRODUCTION. (1:1)**

**B. The INSTRUCTIONS. (1:2-12)**

When facing difficult trials, God wants to encourage you to...

1. remember what \_\_\_\_\_ has already done \_\_\_\_\_ you. (1:2a)
  
2. realize that God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is sufficient for you and God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is available to you. (1:2b)
  
3. repeatedly praise God that you have been \_\_\_\_\_ to a future \_\_\_\_\_ that includes an \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ while you are being \_\_\_\_\_ saved by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (1:3-5)
  
4. embrace \_\_\_\_\_ about your trials. (1:6-7)
  - a. Trials need to be viewed in light of verses 2-5 so that you can \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of them... “*In this you greatly rejoice*” (1:6a).
  
  - b. Trials are \_\_\_\_\_... “*though now for a little while*” (1:6b).
  
  - c. Trials are \_\_\_\_\_... “*if need be*” (1:6c).
  
  - d. Trials are mentally and emotionally \_\_\_\_\_... “*you have been grieved*” (1:6d).

e. Trials are \_\_\_\_\_ in nature... “*by various trials*” (1:6e).

\* Examples:

f. Trials are often \_\_\_\_\_ in numbers... “*trials*” (1:6e).

g. Trials are \_\_\_\_\_... “*that...*” (1:7a).

\* What are some of these?

h. Trials are designed to \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_... (1:7b).

i. Trials, if passed by God’s grace through faith, can result in great reward consisting of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1:7c)

\* Some closing questions:

— Are you rejoicing in the Lord by viewing your trials in light of what God has done, is willing to do, and has promised you by His grace and power?

— Are you responding by faith to purposes for your trials or are you reacting in your flesh?

— Are you really grasping that while your salvation is eternally secure, that how you live your life as a believer has eternal significance and potential for great reward?