

**“CAN YOU LOVE SOMEONE THAT YOU HAVE NEVER MET?”**

(1 Peter 1:8-9)

**~~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 a \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ while you are being \_\_\_\_\_ saved by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (1:3-5)
4. recognize and embrace \_\_\_\_\_ about your trials. (1:6-7)
5. rejoice greatly in the Lord sustained by ...
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus Christ. (1:8a)

\* What kind of love helped sustain these believers in their trials?

\* Where does this love come from?

\* Why is this love generated in our lives?

\* How does this love tie into endurance and reward?

\* What can you learn about love from Luke 7:36-50?

b. \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ. (1:8b)

\* What also helped sustain these believers in their trials?

\* What is this in contrast to?

\* What did this result in?

\* How is this described?

\* What end does Peter have in view?

\* How does this apply to you?