

## More Precious than Gold (Part 2)

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### SUMMARY - Part 1

How do we build and grow in faith?

1. Faith is a G\_\_\_\_\_ from God.
2. From God's perspective, He has already given us A\_\_\_\_\_ the faith for A\_\_\_\_\_ the needs in our lives.
3. From the believer's perspective, our faith "**grows**" as we journey in R\_\_\_\_\_ and E\_\_\_\_\_ with God.
4. In reality, we struggle in our faith because of O\_\_\_\_\_ in our lives:
  - A. The E\_\_\_\_\_ O\_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Failure to grow R\_\_\_\_\_ of faith.
  - C. Love of the W\_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. The S\_\_\_\_\_ that so easily entangles.
  - E. The W\_\_\_\_\_ / B\_\_\_\_\_ that holds us down.
5. For faith to manifest in our lives, we must:
  - A. P\_\_\_\_\_ the Word on a R\_\_\_\_\_ basis.
  - B. In the partaking, hear the W\_\_\_\_\_ of Faith.
  - C. Continue to nurture the S\_\_\_\_\_ of Faith.
  - D. S\_\_\_\_\_ our doubts and G\_\_\_\_\_ our faith.
6. We will be increasingly W\_\_\_\_\_ as we grow in faith?

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### The Trial of our FAITH      1 Peter 1:6-7

1. The believer's faith is a M\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. A portion of our faith is \_\_\_\_\_ aligned to:
- i. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Father-God.
  - ii. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus.
  - iii. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.
  - iv. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- B. But, the other portion of our faith comprises “**impurities**” that are \_\_\_\_\_ aligned with the **Will, Word, Ways** and **Wisdom** of God.

2A. Impurities in gold are purified by \_\_\_\_\_.

2B. Similarly, \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives, like fire, purifies our faith.

2C. Trials are for a \_\_\_\_\_.

This season, in the light of eternity, is a \_\_\_\_\_ W\_\_\_\_\_.

2D. Trials are \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ to the person undergoing it.

2E. Trials are only as \_\_\_\_\_, and seem to attract those whose faith are not genuine.

2F. The genuineness of our faith will see us through to the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives when we meet the Lord.

3A. We do not have \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge.

3B. There will be situations where we will \_\_\_\_\_ completely know and understand on this side of heaven.                      1 Corinthians 13:9, 12

3C. But, God has given us \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge in His \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit when we seek Him.

4A. Sufficient knowledge from God’s Word and revelation by the Holy Spirit will help to \_\_\_\_\_ our faith.

4B. It will help answer these questions:

- i. Why did this A\_\_\_\_\_ happen to me?
- ii. Did G\_\_\_\_ send the typhoon – tsunami to judge us?
- iii. Did God give me C\_\_\_\_\_ to punish me or to teach me godliness?
- iv. Why did God N\_\_\_\_ answer my prayer?
- v. W\_\_\_\_? Why? Why?

4C. Sufficient knowledge from God's Word require us to always base a principle or truth on the E\_\_\_\_\_ W\_\_\_\_\_ of Scriptures instead of some portion that seems to say otherwise.  
Psalm 119:160

4D. Understand that God will not allow a trial beyond our ability to overcome, does N\_\_\_\_\_ mean God caused it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

5. Common trials that cause us grief and pain:

- A. Natural C\_\_\_\_\_.
- B. S\_\_\_\_\_ and Diseases.
- C. F\_\_\_\_\_ Difficulties.
- D. R\_\_\_\_\_ Conflicts.
- E. A\_\_\_\_\_ and Situations Beyond our Control.

6. Our faith is purified when we know the S\_\_\_\_\_ of pain and trial in our lives:

- A. Due to the F\_\_\_\_\_ of M\_\_\_\_\_. Romans 3:23 John 16:33
- B. Due to our \_\_\_\_\_ F\_\_\_\_\_. 1 Peter 2:20
- C. Due to the works of the E\_\_\_\_\_ O\_\_\_\_\_. John 10:10a
- D. For R\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_. 1 Peter 3:14, 17; 4:14 2 Timothy 3:12

**All suffering** by a believer is a trial of his F\_\_\_\_\_.

- i. Suffering in a F\_\_\_\_\_ W\_\_\_\_\_ - N\_\_\_ choice.
- ii. Suffering due to our own "F\_\_\_\_\_" - W\_\_\_\_\_ choice.
- iii. Suffering for R\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_ - R\_\_\_\_\_ choice.

7. The trial of the believer's faith may result in **2 broad outcomes**:

- A. Turning A\_\_\_\_\_ from God in disappointment.
- B. Turning T\_\_\_\_\_ God to seek His grace for the trial.  
The grace needed for the trial maybe:

2 Corinthians 12:9

Hebrews 12:2

8. When the believer connects with God during the trial.

- A. He will develop strength in P\_\_\_\_\_. Romans 5:3 James 1:3
- B. He will develop the C\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. Romans 5:4a
  - i. Faith focuses on G\_\_\_\_\_, not our problems.
  - ii. Faith trust in God's T\_\_\_\_\_, not our own.
  - iii. Faith grows by B\_\_\_\_\_ God in spite of our circumstances.
  - iv. Faith obeys God one S\_\_\_\_\_ at a time.
- C. He will have H\_\_\_\_\_. Romans 5:4b
- D. He will experience that deep assurance of the L\_\_\_\_\_ of God. Romans 5:5
- E. He will be V\_\_\_\_\_ i.e. an O\_\_\_\_\_.  
James 1:4 Romans 8:28 Genesis 50:20
- F. He can now M\_\_\_\_\_ to others the Grace of God.

**CONCLUSION**

Malachi 3:3