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# 1 PETER 4 (MSG)

- 12-13 Friends, when life gets really difficult, don't jump to the conclusion that God isn't on the job. Instead, be glad that you are in the very thick of what Christ experienced. This is a spiritual refining process, with glory just around the corner.

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# 1 PETER 1:6-7

- 3-5 What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. **The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole.**
- 6-7 I know how great this makes you feel, even though you have to put up with every kind of **aggravation** in the meantime. Pure gold put in the fire comes out of it proved pure; genuine faith put through this suffering comes out proved genuine. When Jesus wraps this all up, it's your faith, not your gold, that God will have on display as evidence of his victory.

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# 1 PETER 1:6 INTERLINEAR FROM GREEK

- in this you greatly rejoice for a little while at present if being necessary you are having been put to grief by various trials.
- GRIEF:(λυπέω) 3076 lypéō (from 3077 /lýpē, "deep grief") – to experience deep, emotional pain (sadness), i.e. severe sorrow (grief). 3076 (lypéō) is very intense and hence even used of the pain of childbirth (see Gen 3:16, LXX).
- VARIOUS: (ποικίλος) 4164 poikílos – properly, of various kinds, diversified ("manifold"). Short Definition: various, of different colors (MANY COLORED)
- TRIALS: (πειρασμός) 3986 peirasmós (from 3985 /peirázō) – temptation or test – both senses can apply simultaneously (depending on the context). The positive sense ("test") and negative sense ("temptation") are functions of the context (not merely the words themselves).

# MACCAH: TEMPTATION

- Mem: Springs of Water - Wisdom.
- Samech: To support - to lean upon.
- Hey: Behold!
- My interpretation: temptations or trials are "attention to wisdom supported"
- From nacah; a testing, of men (judicial) or of God (querulous) -- temptation, trial.
- Through trials, you make a difference in true wisdom (supported wisdom). **Imagine the wisdom of a person that has never had a problem in their life!**

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# PURPOSE OF TRIALS

- The purpose / result is that the proving of your faith, more precious than gold, perishing by fire but being **refined** might be found to
  - praise and glory and honor in the **revelation** of Jesus Christ.
- **Refined** (δοκιμάζω) 1381 /dokimázō ("to approve by testing") is done to demonstrate what is good, i.e. passes the necessary test. 1381 (dokimázō) does not focus on disproving something (i.e. to show it is bad).
- **Revelation** (ἀποκάλυψις) 602 /apokálypsis ("revelation, unveiling") is principally used of the revelation of Jesus Christ (the Word), especially a particular (spiritual) manifestation of Christ (His will) previously unknown to the extent (because "veiled, covered").

# IN OTHER WORDS - WHY?

- By refining of your faith it may be found to
  - Develop in you praise (commendation).
  - Develop in you glory ( God's infinite, intrinsic worth)
  - Develop in you honor ( valuing - or placing precious value in)
    - The uncovering (revelation) of Jesus Christ himself.

# QUESTION

- Who would value, price, love and recognize the worth of our Lord Jesus Christ more: a person that has never had his faith tested or one that has been constantly and strongly tested?
- Some of the men of God that were tested included: Abraham (presented with the sacrifice of his son Issac), Joseph ( sold by his brothers, taken to Egypt, put in prison unjustly), Job (lost everything).

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- 14-16 If you're abused because of Christ, count yourself fortunate. It's the Spirit of God and his glory in you that brought you to the notice of others. If they're on you because you broke the law or disturbed the peace, that's a different matter. But if it's because you're a Christian, don't give it a second thought. Be proud of the distinguished status reflected in that name!

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# REVELATION OF CHRIST IN YOU

- This world can only oppose Jesus. It can't stand his presence. Its truth and beauty and sovereignty and power.
- And therefore if you EVER so slightly help in his revelation, in uncovering who he is in truth, then it is to be expected - this world will hate you and oppose you.

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- 17-19 It's judgment time for God's own family. We're first in line. If it starts with us, think what it's going to be like for those who refuse God's Message!
- If good people barely make it,
- What's in store for the bad?
- So if you find life difficult because you're doing what God said, take it in stride. Trust him. He knows what he's doing, and he'll keep on doing it.

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# CONCLUSIONS

- If it tough for you, now imagine how tough it may be for those fighting the truth!
- Trust him and rejoice if you are facing trials - this refining hurts, but focus on the praise, focus in the honor and focus in the glory of his revelation to you. Isn't that what you really want? A true experience of the master?
- It's time for true supported wisdom - so pick up your cross and follow him. As wounded as you may feel - pick up your cross and follow him.