

Cultivating Joy in Unlikely Places

Source Text: 1 Peter 1:6-9

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Sermon Points

1. Cultivating Joy When You See Trials (1:6)
 - a. Duration of Trials (1:6)
 - b. Necessity of Trials (1:6)
 - c. Nature of Trials (1:6)
 - d. Variety of Trials (1:6)
 - e. Purpose of Trials (1:7)

2. Cultivating Joy When You Cannot See Jesus (1:8)

Discussion Questions

1. Describe a time in your life when you were walking through a trial and how you handled it.
2. How would Peter's description of trials have impacted your view of your trial?
3. What are some lessons God has taught you through trials in your life?
4. As Peter describes trials, which of the five descriptions is the most encouraging to you? Which is the most challenging?
5. What are one or two things you learned and plan to incorporate from this passage?
6. What do you think Peter is talking about in verse 8 when he says "though you have not seen Him, you love Him"? How does it apply to the situation of his audience and to us?

Resources

“God’s Grace in Your Suffering” by David Powlison

“Suffering” by Paul David Tripp