

New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church WOW Bible Study August 16, 2023

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21 DAYS of PRAYER: TRANSFORMATION

Transformed by Trials

1 Peter 1:6-7

INTRODUCTION: In the TV show Extreme Makeover, individuals went through all kinds of adversity, discomfort, suffering, to change their outward appearance. After cosmetics work, plastic surgery, dental repair, it was hard to recognize many of the participants. Just as they went through a process of discomfort to get to transformation, as believers we also go through trials in order to experience transformation.

TONIGHT'S TAKE-AWAY: THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD'S AGENT IN TRANSFORMATION. HE USES THE TRUTH OF THE \underline{WORD} AND THE TOOL OF \underline{TRIALS} TO TRANSFORM US.

TRIALS VS 6= GENERAL PROBLEMS THAT BELIEVERS FACE AS WE LIVE IN THE WORLD.

REASONS TO REJOICE! 1PETER 1:2-6A

- 1. WE ARE **SAVED** BY GRACE vs. 2-3
- 2. WE ARE **SLATED** FOR GLORY VS. 4
- 3. WE ARE **SEALED** BY GOD vs. 5

TRUTHS ABOUT TRIALS

- I. TRIALS ARE **TEMPORARY VS. 6B**
 - TRIALS HAVE AN EXPIRATION DATE!
- II. TRIALS ARE **NECESSARY** VS. 6C
 - SOME TRIALS **CORRECT** US. PSALMS 119:71
 - Some trials **<u>EQUIP</u>** us 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
- III. TRIALS ARE **NOT EASY VS. 6D**
- TRIALS CAN WEIGH US DOWN AND CAUSE HEAVINESS



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- IV. TRIALS ARE **VARIED** VS. 6E
 - THEY COME IN VARIOUS SHAPES AND SIZES
- V. Trials **Test** our faith vs. 7a
 - A FAITH THAT CAN'T BE TESTED CAN'T BE TRUSTED
 - TRIALS **PROVE** HOW GENUINE OUR FAITH IS
- VI. TRIALS **PREPARE** US FOR REWARDS VS. 7B
 - There will be **GLORY** AFTER THIS! 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18

WHAT TO DO IN THE MIDST OF GOING THROUGH?

- 1. **Love** Christ vs. 8A
- 2. Trust Christ vs. 8b
- 3. **REJOICE** IN CHRIST VS. 8C

TALK IT OUT:

VI. Think of a time of suffering in your life. What "gold" has God produced in you from that experience?"

WALK IT OUT:

• When going through a trial, pray to God for wisdom. James 1:5

New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Vision

The New Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church will be a <u>Caring Community</u> of Christians that *Changes* the Community for Christ.

New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Mission

To "Make disciples that make a Difference". We strive to do this by <u>Moving</u>, <u>Marking</u>, and <u>Maturing</u> Believers. (Matthew 28:19-20)

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