

Testimony through the Testing of our Faith



1 Peter 1:7

Introduction

- **Last week=casting our cares and anxieties**
- **Through the testing of our faith we have a testimony of light in a dark world.**
- **Those trials can re-orient our world**
- **Those trials can bring us back to the Lord**



Caused by grief from various trials

- Grief is part of the journey
- **1 Thess. 4:13**—grief experienced differently
- They tax our inner resources
- Promises of joy because He has overcome
- What causes us the most grief?
- Advantage...brings us to our knees



Faith is Being Tested

- A spiritual issue
- Gain spiritual muscle
- Faith is a refining fire
- Dross of the heart
- Process of refining



Proven Genuine

- Proving of your faith
- **James 1:3**
- How is “proven” used today?
- Apply to my own faith
- **2 Corinthians 8:8**



More Precious than Gold

- Important idea in 1 Peter
- Parable of the hidden pearl= **Luke 13:45-46**
- My faith is more precious to me than...?



Looking forward

- **For the purpose of God's praise & glory**
- **This suffering is temporary**



Conclusion



- How we handle our own trials

Light of witness in a dark world

- Includes grief from various trials
- Refined by fire
- Our faith is proven genuine
- More precious than gold
- Looks forward with a different perspective