



Study Guide, Episode 96—How to Find Joy in Times of Trial & Affliction

1 & 2 Peter

00:00-08:12	“QOTW: How can I find & feel joy during times of trial, suffering, affliction?”
08:13-18:08	“What are your current or future ‘fiery trials’ or ‘trials of your faith’?”
18:09-35:16	“Grow in grace; joy vs. happiness”
35:17-47:27	“How to cope with trials of faith; Link arm in arm w the Spirit & Christ’
47:28-END	“Be a ‘partaker of the Divine Nature’; Know & Become like Jesus”

- 1) How do you relate to being in a “trial of your faith,” or “fiery trials” or hardships, suffering, afflictions? What is currently happening in your life that feels like a trial? What trials may be coming soon for you? What do these feel like? How long have you been in this place of affliction? What do you feel you most need right now, to better cope/deal with these things?
- 2) As you read 1 Peter, which words stand out that relate to joy, hope, faith, rejoicing? What does Peter say we can do to bring more of these into our lives? What is one thing you can work on this week to better feel these positive emotions?
- 3) What does it mean to you to “grow in grace?” How might you receive greater grace this week? How can/does it help you to grow in all areas?
- 4) How do you dig down and uncover/find/discover joy when you're struggling, having a bad day/week/year? What helps? What doesn't help? What's one thing you can do this week to better seek, find, and feel joy? Discuss with your family or friends this week.
- 5) What does it mean to you to be a “partaker of the Divine Nature?” How are you developing your Divine Nature? What are some of the Divine qualities you possess already? Write these down. What qualities do you wish to possess/develop? Qualities like holiness, faith, temperance, humility, charity, brotherly kindness, patience, and more? Write these down.
 - a) Read 1 Peter 1:1-11 and consider the qualities outlined. Which do you already possess? Which do you wish to possess? What can you do today to begin developing one of these qualities? Share with your family or a friend, this week.

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