

SPECIAL WORDS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE: OFFERING GRACE TO THE WEARY

— HOPE BEYOND OUR TRIALS: “WHEN THROUGH FIERY TRIALS . . .” —

1 PETER 4:12–19



The Heart of the Matter

Peter was not one to quote pious platitudes; he had lived too long and seen too much. So we should pay careful attention to what Peter wrote—especially when life seems to be passing us through fiery trials. Peter lived during the days when being a Christian could cost you your life; therefore, the truths he offered should help us get through the fire of affliction we can experience in our own lives.



Discovering the Way

1. Practical Truth about Trials (James 1:1–4)

It is common for Christians to encounter trials. Trials come in various categories. Trials put our faith to the test. Without trials there could be no maturity.

2. Biblical Strength for “Fiery Ordeals” (1 Peter 4:12–19)

Peter offered practical advice on how to react to fiery trials, what to remember, and on whom to rely.

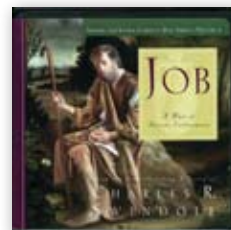


Starting Your Journey

Personal growth through the heat comes in two forms. First, when trials come, remember that God is faithful—trust in Him. Second, when trials stay, remind yourself to do what is right—hide in Him.



Tools for Digging Deeper



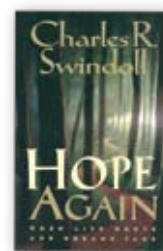
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