

Finding the Gold in Grief

Big point: God allows trials in your life not to beat you up, but to build you up.

Part #1 - Good Grief

1 Peter 1:6-7 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer **grief** in all kinds of trials. These have **come so that the proven genuineness of your faith** of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Grief is an indicator that there is a battle.

Faith is the most valuable commodity we have in the kingdom of God.

The key to enduring trials with joy is keeping your eyes focused on the right things.

Joy is a companion of proper Godly grief.

Part #2 - Strong Hope

1 Peter 1:3-6 - Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living **hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an **inheritance** that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

The best way to get through the problems of today is to fix your eyes on the promises of tomorrow.

Contemplate your hope. A limited view of hope will result in limited joy.

Your joy is directly connected to your ability to comprehend the beauty of the future that awaits you.