



Be encouraged and know that tested faith is invaluable!

1 Peter 4:12-13 (NLT)

12 Dear friends, <u>don't be surprised</u> at the fiery trials you are going through, <u>as if something strange</u> were happening to you.

13 Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world.



Peter, What Am I Supposed To Do When My Circumstance Or Situation Overwhelm My Faith?



Remember That Your Present Situation Isn't How Things Are Going To End.



1 Peter 1:3-5 (NLT)

3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with **GREAT EXPECTATION**,

4 and we have a <u>priceless inheritance</u>—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, <u>beyond the reach</u> <u>of change and decay</u>.

5 And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.



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Know That TESTED Faith Is INVALUABLE!



1 Peter 1:6-7 (NKJV)

6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,

7 that the genuineness of your <u>FAITH</u>, being much <u>more precious than gold that perishes</u>, though it is TESTED by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,



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Show Them Who You Are In ME!



1 Peter 2:9-12 (NKJV)

9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

12 <u>having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles</u>, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.



Open Door Challenge



Writing Guidelines:

Greeting cards, children's artwork, and postcards are best.

- Write in simple English/French and keep your letter brief.
- Print clearly.
- Be encouraging and include 1-2 Bible verses.
- Show sensitivity; please don't dwell on the recipient's plight, or share about the blessings of life in your country.

For Security:

- Do not mention Open Doors in your letters.
- If writing a postcard, please send it in an envelope and do not write the Open Doors' address on the postcard.
- You may provide your name, but do not give your full address.
- Do not criticize a country's religion or religious extremists, its government, judicial system, or political leaders.
- Do not send money or make proposals to help.



When Bad Things Happen...

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