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May God give you more and more grace and peace.

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So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. ⁷ These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

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- **Through trials my faith is _____, _____, and _____.**

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¹³ So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. ¹⁴ So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. ¹⁵ But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. ¹⁶ For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

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Discussion Questions

1. Reflect on what it means to you to be chosen by God and to live as a foreigner in this world. How does your identity as a holy and chosen individual shape your daily actions and interactions with others?
2. Consider a time when you faced a significant trial. How did that experience test and refine your faith? In what ways can you see that your faith is more precious than gold, as Peter describes?
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