

“A DRINK FROM THE SPRING” 8-30-10

**This Week’s Thought:** Trials: *“Tests of faith, patience and stamina.”*

**This Week’s Quote:** *“God’s love does not always keep us from trials, but it is a love that always keeps us through trials.”.....unknown*

**This Week’s Prayer Concern:** Let us remember in prayer all those, teachers and students, who are beginning another year of school.

**This Week’s Scripture:** *“Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed.”* (IPeter 4:12,13 N.I.V.)

Did it ever seem to you that God was on vacation or, for some reason abandoned you? Most of the time, when a believer is having problems they automatically assume that God is angry with them and has abandoned them. As believers, we must learn to live in trust. We must learn how to trust God in all things even when life seems unfair.

Just because life is difficult doesn’t mean God is gone. The truth is that perhaps God had your present trial tailor made for you. Perhaps God is strengthening your faith. God’s Word states, *“In this you greatly rejoice, though for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”* (IPeter 1:6,7)

Our faith is much more precious than gold. Perhaps you are going through a test right now? Perhaps God is desiring for you to be drawn closer to Him? David once said, *“It was good for me that I was afflicted that I may learn your statutes,”* (Psalm 119:71).

God has something good planned for you today.

Trusting With You,

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