

# Purification & Friendships

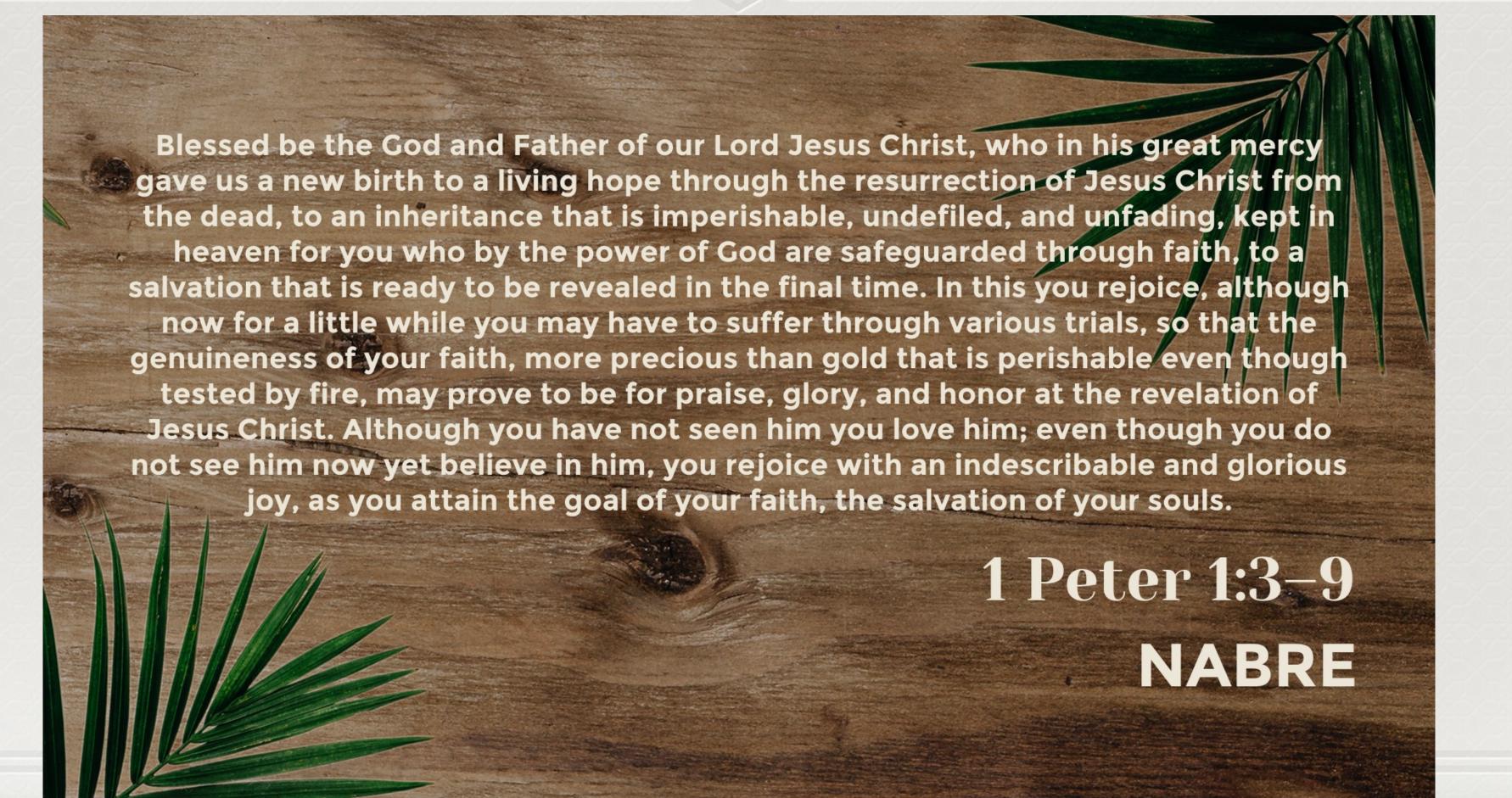
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### Refiner's Fire



## All Things Are Working!

- God allows difficult situations to happen to strengthen our love for Him and for each other. (Romans 8)
- Suffer well. Pray and discern. Take the Next Right Step. Be A Sign of Hope for Others.
- We must live with a spirit of detachment (Fr. Mark)
- The importance of prayer and reflection. Referring all things to God for help and guidance. Avoiding escapism (The core of all sin....God is at work in our lives even in desolation.
- The good of the other. ("Looking for Love in All The Wrong Places")

### A Great Resolution!

I will never disdain meeting any person, no matter who they may be nor will I show any sign of wishing to avoid them for this earns one the reputation of being proud, haughty, unseeing, arrogant, snobbish, ambitious, and manipulative. . . Above all, I will be careful neither to criticize, nor to mock, nor to make fun of those who have no reason to put up with such treatment. I will show great respect for all, and I will not be pretentious. I will speak little but well, so rather than boring my friends I will whet their appetite for further conversation at a later time.

With either friends or acquaintances, I will be especially careful to observe this rule: Be friendly with all but familiar with few. . . Therefore in my relationships I will be courteous and not overbearing, friendly and outgoing and not cool and reserved, gentle but not affected, compliant and not contradictory (unless reason requires it), sincere and not deceitful, because people want to have a true knowledge of those with whom they are dealing. (Spiritual Exercises, pp.36-37)

# "With Every Act of Love" Jason Gray