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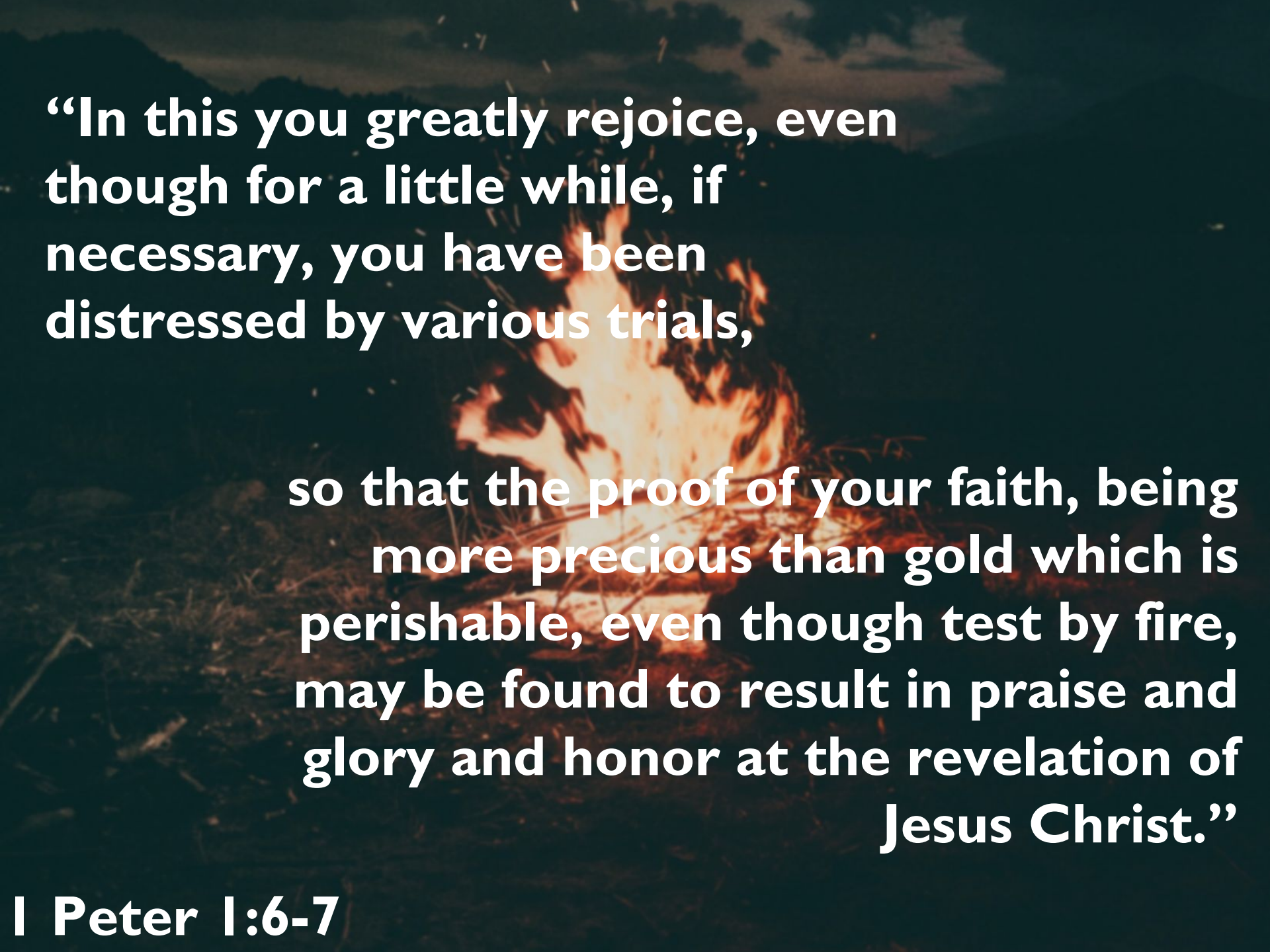
- **Adversity Happens:**
  - Not an *if* but a *when*. **James 1:2-4**
  - Abraham.  
**Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-3**
  - Nehemiah.  
**Nehemiah 4:1-4**
  - Paul.  
**Acts 25:1-12, 21, 25**

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- **What Are We Going to Do About It?**
  - **What did Abraham do?**  
**Genesis 15:2-3, 4-11**
  - **What did Nehemiah do?**  
**Nehemiah 4:6-9 (vv.9, 13, 16-20)**
  - **What did Paul Do?**  
**Acts 28:23-24, 30-31**

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- **Principles for Overcoming Adversity:**
  - **When adversity strikes:**
    - 1. You run to God. Psalm 73:1, 28**
    - 2. Dig in and lean hard.  
James 1:2-4; Galatians 6:2**
    - 3. Make the most of the opportunity. (like Paul)**

A bonfire of sticks and branches is burning brightly in a dark field at night. The fire is the central focus, with bright orange and yellow flames rising from a pile of wood. In the background, dark silhouettes of mountains are visible against a dark, cloudy sky. The overall scene is dramatic and evocative, symbolizing purification and light.

**“In this you greatly rejoice, even though for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,**

**so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though test by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”**

**I Peter 1:6-7**