STUDY NOTES – JUNE 23, 2109 Sermon Series: *First Peter: Stand Firm* Pastor Kris preaches from the *English Standard Version (ESV). Sermons online at camanochapel.org. (Click the Media tab.)*

1 Peter 1:6-7

1. The length of trials (V. 6a)

1 Peter 1:6 (ESV) — **6** In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

• Life lesson: View trials through the *lens of eternity*.

2. The nature of trials (V. 6b)

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o Life lesson: Never minimize someone else's trials

3. The purpose of trials (V. 7)

1 Peter 1:7 (ESV) — **7** so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

• Life lesson: Be encouraged that your faith *will hold even in the worst of times*.

Truths affirmations in the midst of a trial:

- 1. This trial will pass.
- 2. This trial *did not take God by surprise*.
- 3. God loves me even though I don't feel like He does.
- 4. God is using this trial for **my good and His glory**.
- 5. Because I have Jesus, I'm blessed beyond measure.

S.A.L.T. Group questions

Have someone read Sunday's passage: 1 Peter 1:6-7

- What truths stand out to you?
- 1. What different perspectives result from viewing trials through the lens of eternity?
 - Why do we often struggle to see the eternal perspective in a trial?
 - What changes can we make to have a better perspective?
- 2. How should we respond to someone who's hurting, even if the trial does not seem very significant?
 - How do we find balance between enabling them and sympathizing with them?
 - How should we respond to our children/grandchildren when they are going through a "childlike trial"?
- 3. Look at the truths to affirm in the midst of a trial. What additional truths can you think of?
 - What challenges are you facing presently, and what truths are most meaningful to you?

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