



The Crucible

of Life:

TRIALS



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What is a crucible?



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• TRIALS

- Trials are the process of proving the quality or worth of something or someone.
- Trials are tests of your faith, patience, or endurance through the process of suffering.
- Trials in the Greek is primarily three different words, each with a slightly different meaning, yet all reveal God's purpose for trials and suffering.



DOKIMION: proven faith

1 Peter 1:6-7 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:



PUROSIS: refined character

1 Peter 4:12

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.



PEIRASMOS: tested commitment

James 1:2-4

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.