

Dear Believers in the process of being transformed by God,

**1 Peter 1:6** In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been DISTRESSED by various TRIALS, **7** so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though TESTED by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

As long as we are on this earth in the fallen state, we are not free from distress and grief.

Everyone of us will face trials. There will be things we face that we did not anticipate.

"Gold..." "tested by fire" points to the opportunity we have "to allow the TRIALS to REFINE us."

Doesn't refine sound like revive, revitalize, renew? May this pandemic and this journey "result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." May He increase our urgency and give us patience in this time.

Again, the doors will be locked on the church CAMPUS this Sunday. I am available to come to you or anyone. The plan is for our handful of office staff to continue normal office hours so feel free to contact the church office (423) 479-3731 Monday-Friday. We'll be glad to serve you. Many members continue to make themselves available as well.

The online worship service will be available again on our Candies Creek Vimeo account and most likely on the [candiescreek.com](http://candiescreek.com) homepage.

My intention is for the daily emails to be Monday-Friday as well. We apologize to gmail addresses who are often delayed or never are getting an email. Some are finding it in their "spam" inbox (often below the regular "inbox" and "sent" box). For those with a delay, we are trying posting them on the [candiescreek.com](http://candiescreek.com) homepage that day or the next. Community groups may want to designate a member who does not use gmail to forward the email on to their group members who do have gmail. WE ARE SORRY FOR THIS HURDLE, and God can use it to keep you more connected as well!

Being shaped by God,  
Pastor Stan