

LIVING IN

HOSTILE TERRITORY

BY THE GRACE OF GOD



Comeback

Lesson 1 • 1 Peter 1:1, 2

Overview:

This lesson introduces you to the man Peter, to his readers, and to the purpose for his writing this book. Though Peter became a great apostle for the Lord, he first experienced an epic failure. His return from that failure by God's grace provides us with an example of coming back from spiritual failure.

Theme:

God desires that we come back from spiritual failure in our lives.

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I. The Writer, Peter (1:1)

A. His background

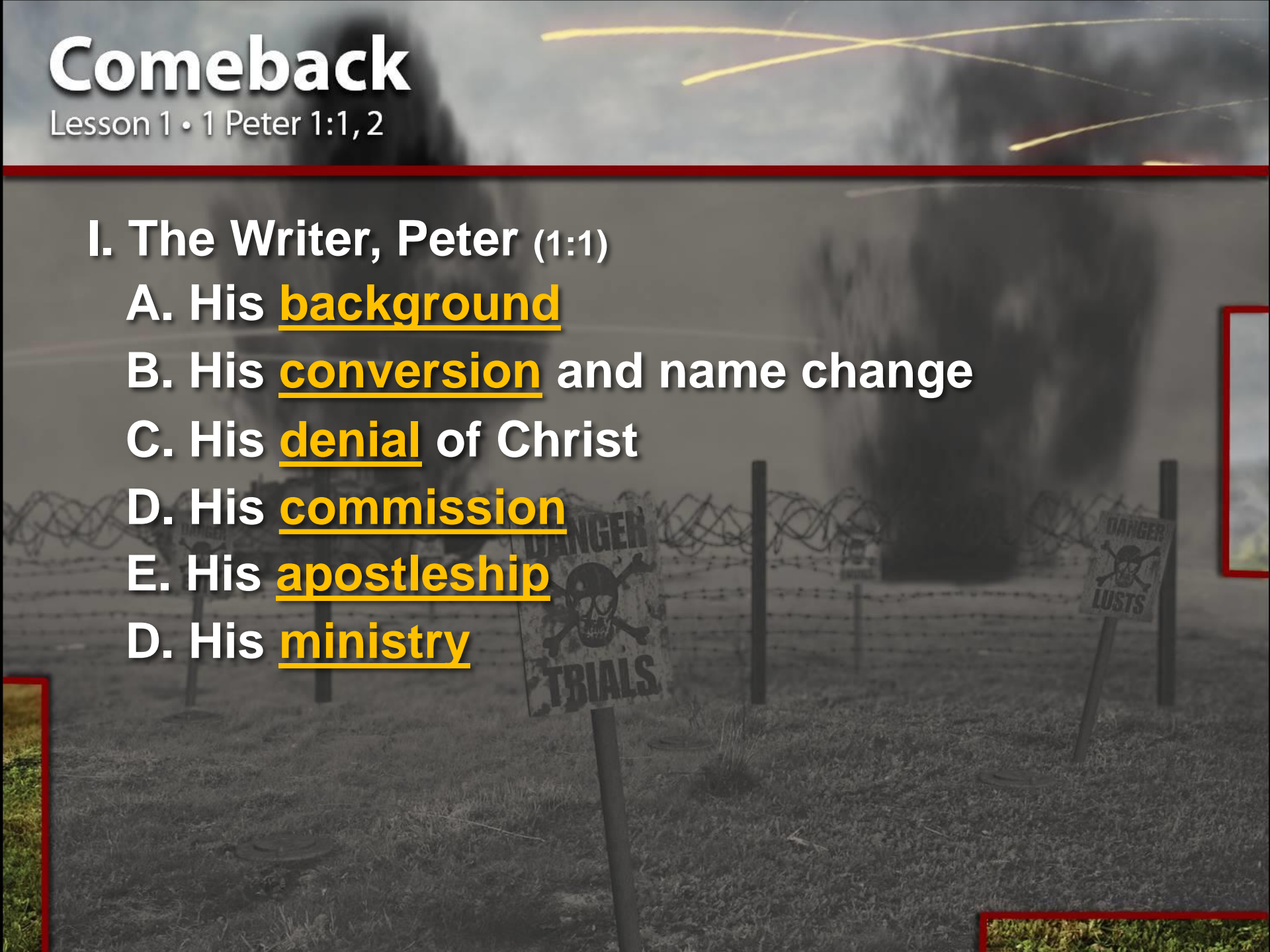
B. His conversion and name change

C. His denial of Christ

D. His commission

E. His apostleship

D. His ministry



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II. The Date and Place of Writing (5:13)



HEAD OF GOLD
KINGDOM OF BABYLON

**CHEST & ARMS
OF SILVER**
KINGDOM OF MEDES
& PERSIANS

**BELLY & THIGHS
OF BRONZE**
KINGDOM OF
ANCIENT GREECE

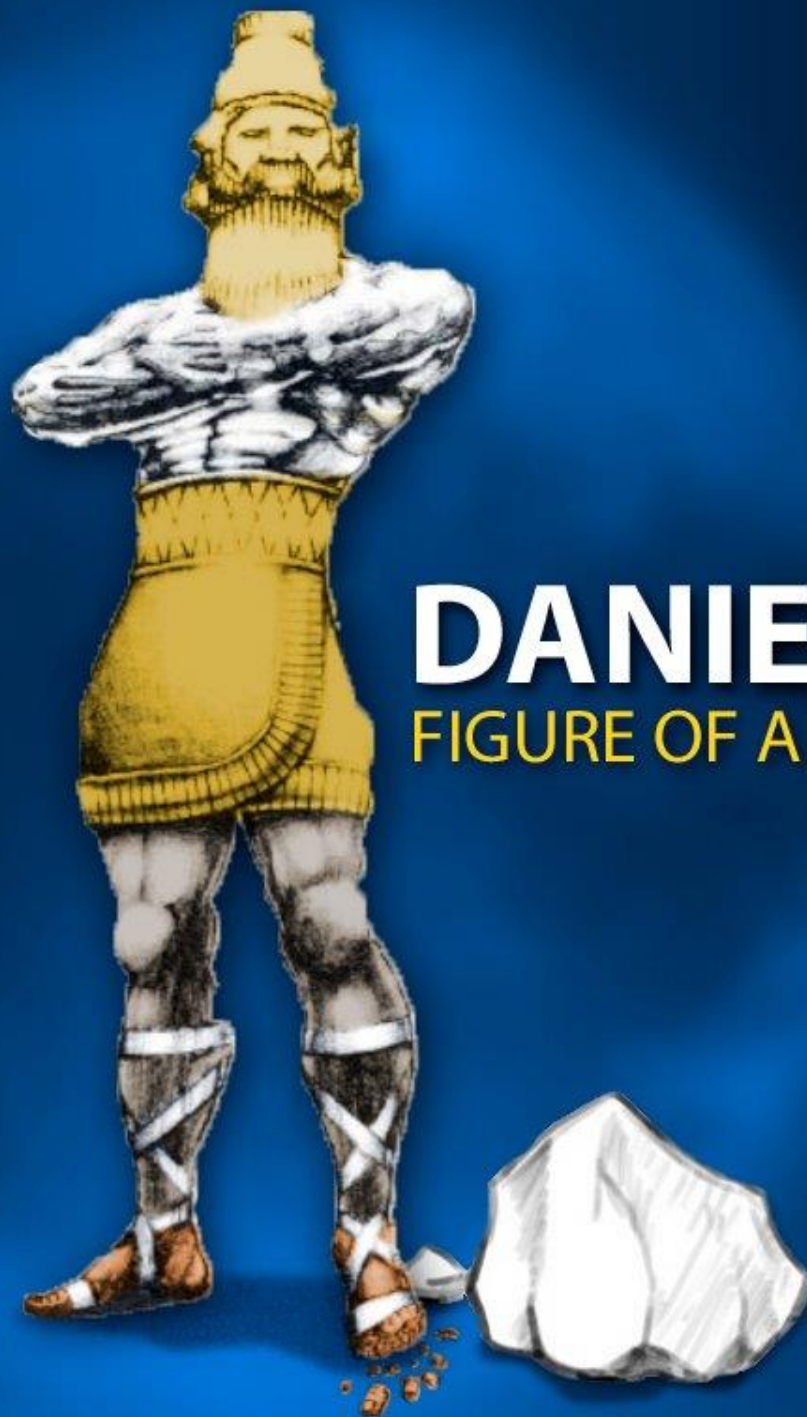
LEGS OF IRON
KINGDOM OF
ANCIENT ROME

**FEET OF IRON
& CLAY**
KINGDOM OF
RESTORED ROME

CRUSHING ROCK
KINGDOM OF GOD

Initial
Strong
Phase

Revived,
Restored
Weaker
Phase



DANIEL 2
FIGURE OF A MAN

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III. Peter's Readers (1:1, 2)

A. Their geographical position (1:1)



First-Century Lands



BITHYNIA

PONTUS

ASIA

GALATIA

CAPPADOCIA

Mediterranean Sea

Heraclea

Chalcedon

Troas

Gordion

Ancyra

Pergamum

Thyatira

Sardis

Smyrna

Philadelphia

Hierapolis

Laodicea

Colosse

Antioch in
Pisidia

Iconium

Lystra

Derbe

Ephesus

Miletus

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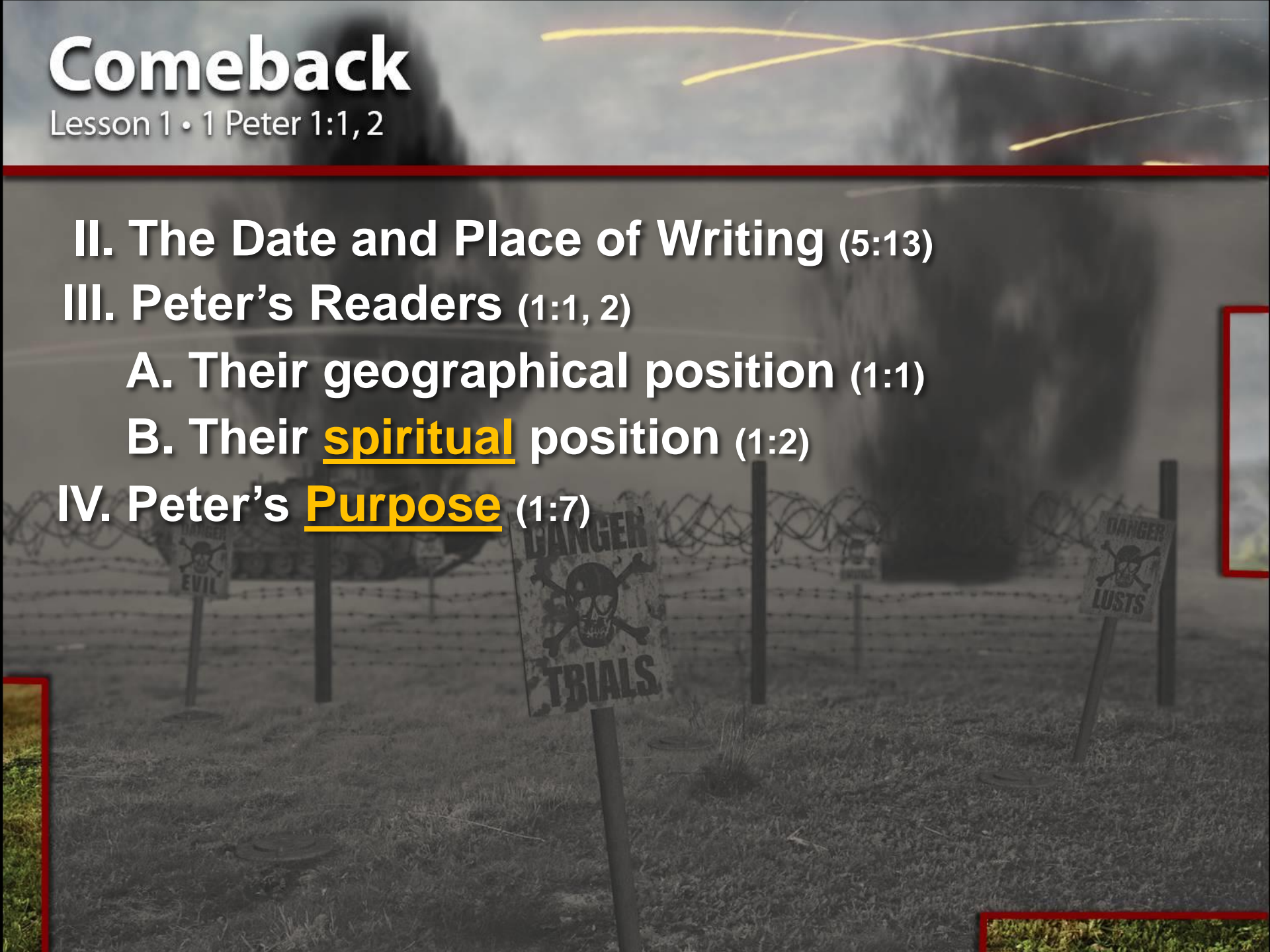
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A. Their geographical position (1:1)

B. Their spiritual position (1:2)

IV. Peter's Purpose (1:7)





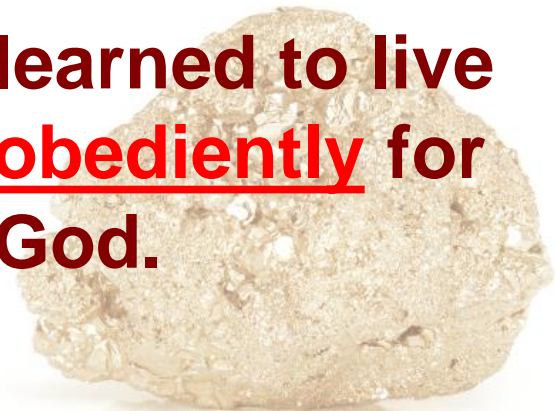
Peter's Purpose 1 Peter 1:7

Purpose:

To help believers face and correctly handle life's trials and persecutions.

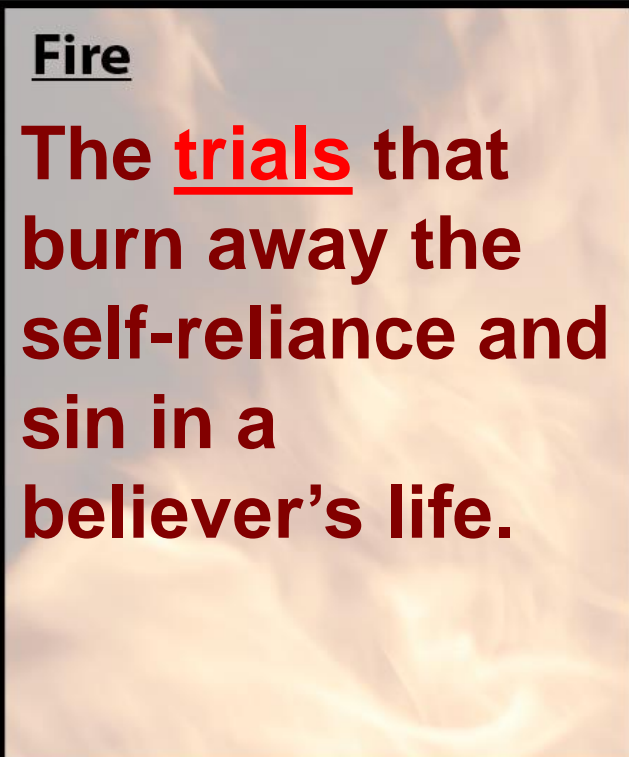
Impure Gold

The believer who has not learned to live obediently for God.



Fire

The trials that burn away the self-reliance and sin in a believer's life.



Pure Gold

The believer who has learned to depend on and obey God.



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MAKING IT PERSONAL: “Coming Back”

1. Regularly confessing our sins
2. Renewing our time in God’s Word
3. Evaluating our priorities
4. Learning to depend on God’s grace
5. Restoring broken relationships