

TRUSTING GOD THROUGH HARD TIMES

1 Peter 1:1-12

'If God were small enough to be understood, He wouldn't be big enough to be worshipped' - Evelyn Underhill

1. God _____ to follow Him

Better translation of 1 Peter 1:1 - '*...To those who are elect exiles...*' (ESV)

2. Remember that God _____ us
with _____ beginning
at conversion

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

3. We trust that God is using our trials to
_____ from His gifts,
to enjoying Him

4. We can trust God through hard times when we
realize we are part of a _____

Application:

1. _____ your relationship
with God now... don't wait for the hard times to
come
2. _____ on the gifts God
has given you in the past and present so you can
begin to realize how blessed you are when the hard
times come in the future
3. _____ with God through
_____ to increase your joy in Him
4. _____ to begin to
recognize how you are part of God's bigger story
5. _____ to cram for your final

'The main reason that Christians insist that God can be trusted in the midst of suffering is that...God himself has firsthand experience of suffering.' - Tim Keller