

Forged in the Fire:

The Spiritual Formation of a Follower of God

1 Peter 1:6-7 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Because of God's kindness:

God breaks us down

Shatters our false sense of self (image)
Destroys our self righteousness, self sufficiency

God builds us up (Him in us)

Awareness of who He is
Of our identity connected to Him
Of His resurrected life, power

Breaking of the old Self

Is painful, is ongoing

Building of the new self

Is life: Is about God,
Looking to Him who is faithful

God is with you. Cling to Him and wait. He will deliver us.