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Be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while.

*~ 1 Peter 1:6*

Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you.

*~ 1 Peter 4:12*

Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows.

*~ John 16:33*

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A cry was heard in Ramah – weeping and great mourning. Rachel weeps for her children, refusing to be comforted, for they are dead.

*~ Matthew 2:18*

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This will be your opportunity to tell people about me.

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- II. You can make your **STORY KNOWN**.
- III. You can make your **HELP AVAILABLE**.

But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

~ *Matthew 25:31-33*

Then the King will say to those on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.

~ *Matthew 25:34-36*

Then these righteous ones will reply, “Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?”

And the King will say, “I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!”

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