



MORAL AUTHORITY

**Loving Jesus.
Overcoming Evil.
Influencing Others.**



1 Peter 1:1-9, 4:12-13

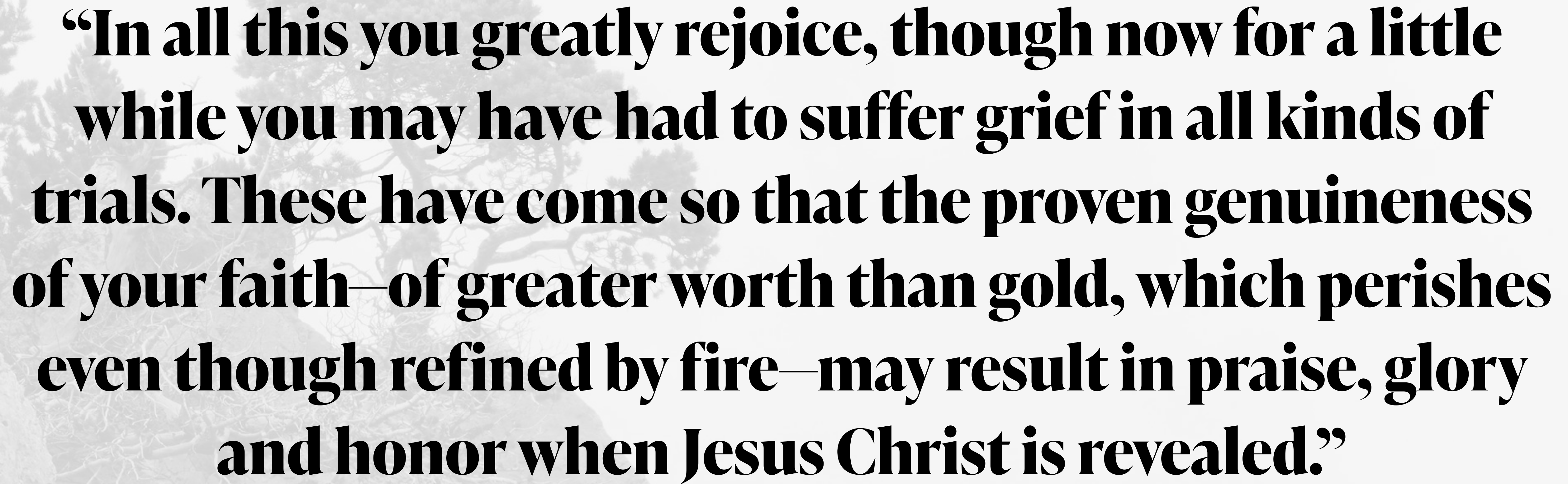


**The foundation for moral
authority gives us what we need
to develop moral authority in
the furnace.**



We want *deliverance*.

The Father wants *development*.



“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.”

1 Peter 1:6-7 NIV

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**An examination of 1 Peter 1:6-7
offers three helpful questions.**



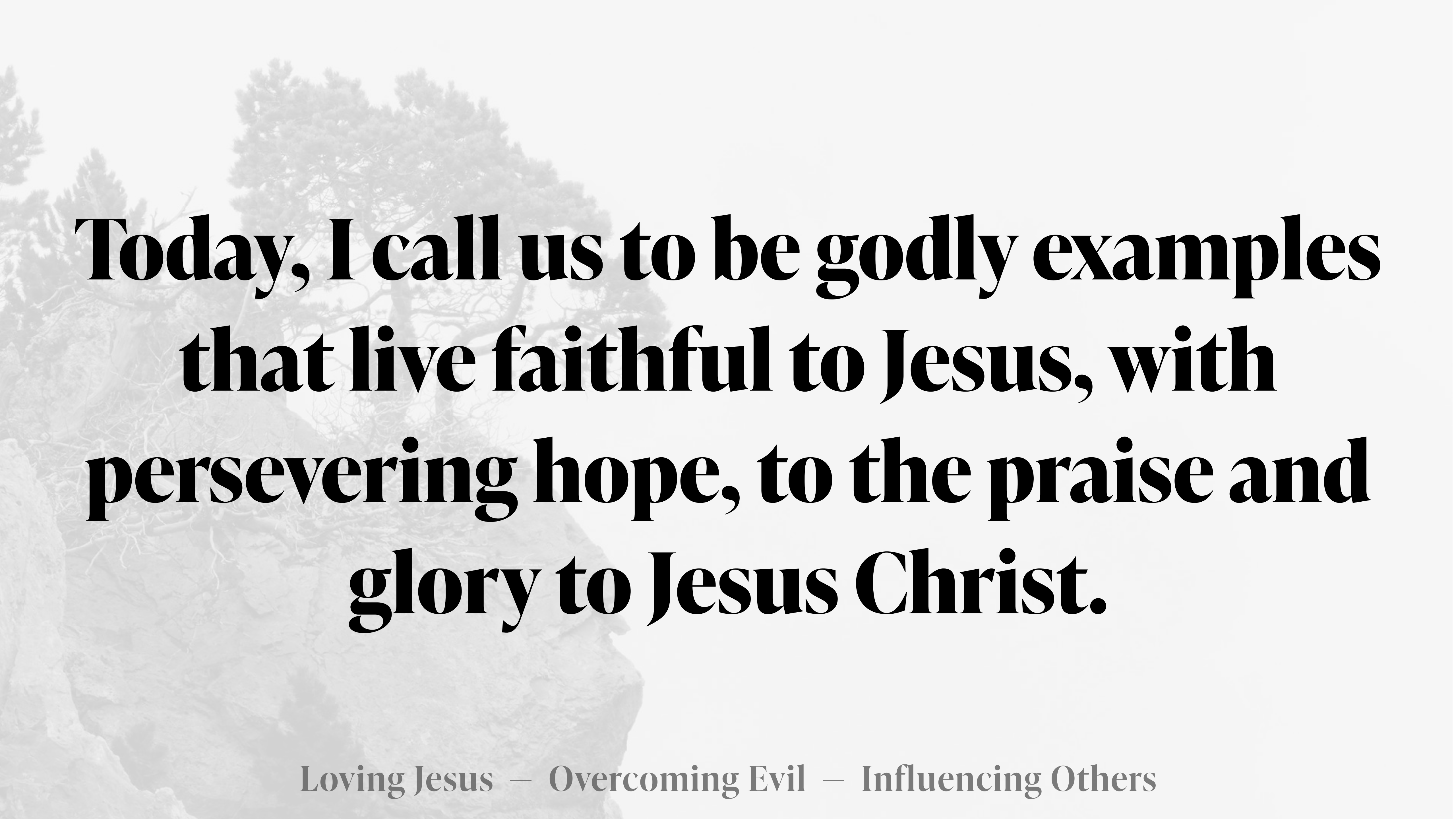
1. Are our priorities in proper order?

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2. Is our faith genuine?



3. Is our praise conditional and limited?



**Today, I call us to be godly examples
that live faithful to Jesus, with
persevering hope, to the praise and
glory to Jesus Christ.**

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