

Surviving Life
“Despite Suffering” (16)
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Text: 1 Peter 4:12-19

“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” ¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.”

1 Peter 4 says that there are five things you need to do when you suffer as a Christian, when you suffer for your faith....

1. REALIZE _____ -
v.12

John 15:20, Jesus said, *“No servant is greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you also.”*
Ephesians 6:12 says, *“we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”*

2. REJOICE _____
- v.13

REASONS TO:
Peter lists three reasons:

1. IT DRAWS YOU _____ TO GOD

2. ALLOWS GOD TO BE SEEN _____ IN YOUR LIFE.

3. SUFFERING _____ ENSURES GLORY _____.

3. REFUSE _____ -
v.16

4. REFLECT _____ -
v.15

5. REMAIN _____ !

