

**Series: "MESSED UP CHURCH"**  
**Part 4: "TACKLING TIMES OF TRIALS"**  
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<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

1 Peter 1:3-6 (NIV)

**5 truths about tackling trials:**

**1. Stay \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>7</sup> 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 1:7 (NIV)

**2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ grows and God is \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. <sup>15</sup> But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; <sup>16</sup> for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

1 Peter 1:14-16 (NIV)

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ should be a \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>12</sup> Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.

1 Peter 4:12 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. <sup>19</sup>If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. <sup>20</sup>Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also.

John 15:18-20b (NIV)

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ them**

<sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Romans 8:17 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

1 Peter 4:13-14 (NIV)

**5. \_\_\_\_\_ in them**

<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. Matthew 2:10 (NIV)

➤ **Because suffering means \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_**

➤ **Because suffering causes us to experience the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit**

<sup>55</sup> But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. Acts 7:55 (NIV)

➤ **Because suffering for our Savior is a \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ followers**

<sup>10</sup> And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:10-11 (NIV)