

Announcements



Church Work Day (PART 2!!)

No access to the basement area from August 5th to 17th!!


Saturday: August 17th
8:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

We need everything moved back into the Fellowship Hall, kitchen and restrooms!!



Join us every
Second Sunday
Of the month!

Hour of PRAYER & PRAISE



August 11th @6:00pm
Life In Christ Church Sanctuary
51 Hillmond Street Bethlehem, PA 18018

Scripture & Testimony Sharing

*"Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together."
~Psalm 34:3*

Contact Us!!!

Church Office Hours: Mon, Thu, & Fri - 12pm – 5pm

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Enter ♦ Embrace ♦ Empower

We desire to see people...
entering new life in Christ,
embracing life-principles of Christ, and
empowered for life service by Christ.

August 4, 2024

Elders

Pastor Norman Carlisle Lead Pastor
Rev. Mike Henderson Associate Pastor
Martin Rosario
Jamie Sumner
Enoch Whipple

Youth Director

Tim Corbett

Deacons

James Odinyo Lead Deacon
Hannah Bovard
Tim Corbett
Kriss Olivo
Kathy Pedri
Michele Schneck

Ministers

All Believers



Lifeinary 9:30a.m.
"Theology Learned & Lived"

- ♦ **Apologetics** Elders
- Worship Service 10:30a.m.**
- ♦ **Fellowship** *(in Fellowship Hall)*
- ♦ **Welcome & Announcements** Pastor Norman
- ♦ **Opening Song** Music Team
- ♦ **Scripture Reading & Prayer** David Amidon
- ♦ **Message** Pastor Norman
- ♦ **Praise & Ministry** Music Team
- ♦ **Closing Prayer** David Amidon

**Additional Seating available downstairs in the Fellowship Hall*

During the Service...

- Infant/Nursing Moms Downstairs under Main Foyer
- Patience Room (6mo – 3yrs).....Upper-Level Room 34
- Joy Room (4yrs – 1st grade).....Upper-Level Room 36
- Goodness Room (2nd – 3rd grade)Upper-Level Room 33
- Kindness Room (4th – 6th grade)Upper-Level Room 35

Offering

If you would like to give an **Offering** today, please place it in one of the boxes in the **Sanctuary** with your name clearly printed on your envelope. You can also give **Online** through the church **Website** or church **App**.



The Week Ahead...



- Sunday, August 4th**
Sunday School – 9:30am in Fellowship Hall
Sunday Morning Service – 10:30am
- Monday, August 5th**
Staff Meeting – 2:00pm in Pastor’s Study
- Tuesday, August 6th**
NO EVENTS
- Wednesday, August 7th**
Foundation Youth Group – 7:00pm
- Thursday, August 8th**
Manna Team Meeting – 4:45pm in Room 35
- Friday, August 9th**
Rooted: Young Adults Study – 6:00pm see church calendar
- Saturday, August 10th**
Music Practice – 6:00pm in Sanctuary

***Note:** There will be **NO Lifeinary Sunday School** next week on **Sunday Aug. 11th** and the **Lower basement level of the church will be off limits and unavailable for any gatherings until August 17th!!!**

1 Peter 4:13 NASB

13 But to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that at the revelation of His glory you may also rejoice and be overjoyed

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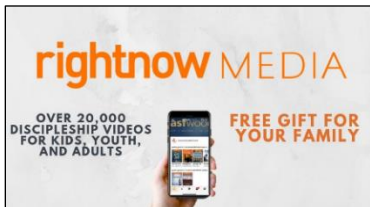
Discussion Guide

Date: August 4, 2024

Sermon Title: “A Fiery Ordeal in the Hands
of a Faithful Creator”



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More about Home Groups...

We encourage everyone to be a part of a small group community to deepen your relationship with Christ and His church. If you're interested in knowing more, please check the website or contact the Church Office.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES (NASB unless otherwise noted)

📖 1 Peter 4:12-19

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though something strange were happening to you;

13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that at the revelation of His glory you may also rejoice and be overjoyed.

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 Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler;

16 but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.

17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

18 AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER?

19 Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God are to entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

OPENING DISCUSSION

1. What was the main thing you learned from the sermon?
2. What questions do you have about anything that was raised during the message?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some of the sources for suffering?
2. Why do you think the answers to “why do people suffer?” is never fully satisfactory?
3. The “fiery ordeal” of verse 12 suggests a process of smelting metals. How can you apply this imagery to your trials and difficulties as a way of “testing” you?
4. How can you rejoice while you are in the midst of suffering?
5. Describe the difference between sharing our burdens versus complaining about our trials.
6. Where would you say the dial indicator is for you between complaining and rejoicing?



7. How did any of the stories of people suffering persecution inspire you?
8. Describe a time you went through a difficult time...
 - ◆ Was the difficulty a direct result of being a Christian?
 - ◆ How did you initially respond?
 - ◆ What did you learn from that experience?
9. What does it mean for you to “entrust your soul to the faithful Creator?” (Verse 19)