

**A LIVING HOPE**  
**1 PETER SERMON SERIES**

**SERMON LISTENING GUIDE // DATE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**1 Peter 4:12-19** // <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup> Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup> 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? <sup>18</sup> And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" <sup>19</sup> Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

**Rejoicing in Trial**

**1 Peter 4:12-19**

Why can you rejoice in the midst of painful trial?

I. God is with you (v. 13-16)

A. The reassurance of his presence

B. The joy of his presence

II. God is remaking you (v. 12, 17-19)

A. The process of remaking

B. The character of the remaker

**APPLICATION GUIDE**

1. What painful trial are you going through? Has God felt near or distant in the midst of it? How does suffering as evidence of God's nearness challenge you?
2. How is your painful trial pointing you to the glory of Christ?
3. How are you being remade in the image of Christ through your suffering? In other words, what parts of your character are being sandblasted?
4. Who or what, other than God, do you turn to for relief in the midst of your painful trial?

## MISSIONARY PRAYER // CAROL ARNOLD, EPI



Carol Arnold serves under Equipping Pastors International (EPI) which her late husband, Dr. Jack Arnold, founded. Together they served pastors in countries where there was no access to Biblical and theological training. Carol joined her husband in training pastors and their wives to have Biblical marriages. Below is an update from her most recent newsletter.

Dear Friends,

What a crazy world we live in. Historic times I've been told. We don't need to be reminded that we live in a fallen world. But it's nice to be reminded that in the end, "we win!"

I wanted to thank you for your interest, encouragement, love and support over the years. As so many others are, I'm trying to "keep on keeping on" as my husband said so often.

Tomorrow begins a conference in Zambia for 250 pastors. I've sent 3 hours of video on marriage to be part of the teaching line up. Recording those talks was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. Give me thousands to speak to, but to talk in front of only a camera was daunting. But hopeful-

ly God will use His truths on biblical marriage to strengthen the churches represented and throughout Zambia. My son, Brian, is also one of the teachers for this conference, which makes it special for me.

On August 6, I will be starting a road trip which includes a wedding in South Carolina, visiting family in Nashville and Chattanooga and old friends in Atlanta.

I will then be flying to Kenya (God willing) on August 23 to spend 2 weeks with my sister and meeting with pastors at her ranch. I'm not sure what to expect on the long flights, or even if I'll be allowed into the country. But I'm going and will see what happens. I cannot put my life on hold because of the fear of "what ifs."

Thank you for your prayers. And I would love to know you received this, actually read it, and replied with how I can pray for you.

God bless!

For additional information see: [www.equippingpastors.com](http://www.equippingpastors.com)

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

### What are they?

The Bible is clear that God has designed life to be lived in dynamic relationships of trust and love. For this reason, Christ Church East also meets weekly in homes throughout the city for food, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. While groups meet weekly, they are not defined by a night of the week or a time on the clock. They are a people increasingly living their lives together and learning how to love one another in gospel community.

### How do they work?

Groups are open to people in all seasons and walks of life. Each group provides child care so that the adults can focus on study, sharing, and prayer after a time of food and fellowship. On a regular basis, men and women break out separately to address gender specific needs. Typically, our groups take time off during the months of June and July. If you are interested in joining a group, fill out our online connect card ([www.christchurcheast.org/connectwithus](http://www.christchurcheast.org/connectwithus)).

## COMMUNITY BIBLE READING // AUGUST 10 - 16

Day	Date	Read
Mon	8/10/20	Hebrews 12, Psalm 118
Tues	8/11/20	Hebrews 13, Psalm 119
Wed	8/12/20	Catch-up day, Psalm 120
Thurs	8/13/20	Catch-up day, Psalm 121
Fri	8/14/20	James 1:1-18, Psalm 122
Sat	8/15/20	James 1:19-2:26, Psalm 123
Sun	8/16/20	James 3:1-4:12, Psalm 124