

Prepping for Life, Last Days, and Eternity

“Sticks and Stones...”

1 Peter 4:12-19

When time is short, things get urgent. And simplified. As Jesus approached the cross, His focus and intensity increased. Suffering produces concentration. Peter brashly scolded Jesus and received the harshest rebuke in the NT (Mt. 16:23). Years later, Peter instructs believers how to possess Christ-like focus during persecution.

1. Good News about Trials

- **Common to Every Believer**
- **Designed to Test Faith**
- **Necessary for Maturity**

2. Good Advice for Trials (vv.12, 13)

- **Don't Be Surprised**
- **Keep on Rejoicing**

3. Good Reminders during Trials (vv.14-19)

- **God's Presence Is Close**
- **Suffering May Be Deserved**
- **Most Suffering Is Not to Our Shame**
- **Suffering Is Often Timely and Needed**
- **Compare Today's Suffering to Eternity**