Hope Under Fire – Part 2

1 Peter 4:12-19 (page 1203) Pastor Mical Pugh

1. \_\_\_\_\_: When life gets really difficult remember. . .

a. Trials are a \_\_\_\_\_\_.

"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you." 1 Peter 4:12

b. Trials draw us \_\_\_\_\_\_.

"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

c. This life is temporary, trials \_\_\_\_\_\_ us for the

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

1 Peter 4:17

2. \_\_\_\_\_: When life gets really difficult, continue to . . .

a. \_\_\_\_\_\_ your faithful \_\_\_\_\_\_.

"So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good." 1 Peter 4:19

b. Do \_\_\_\_\_.

"So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you."

1 Peter 4:19 (NLT)

## For Reflection:

Think about a difficult season in your life, what were some life lessons you learned?

How can looking at trials as a test help you to face them? What helps you to trust God when going through a difficult season?

Why is trusting God as "faithful Creator" helpful? What other names for God help you when going through a rough season?

What is your takeaway from this message?



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