

Message: Jesus Freaks Week 4 - Different Perspective in Persecution

Scripture: 1 Peter 4-5

DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE IN PERSECUTION

WORLDLY PERSPECTIVE CYCLE

Stage 1: Pursue Comfort

Stage 2: Avoid Opposition

Stage 3: Faith Weakens

Stage 4: Life's Empty

GODLY PERSPECTIVE CYCLE

Stage 1: Live Boldly

"So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right..." 1 Peter 4:19 (NLT)

"...God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you." 1 Peter 5:5-7 (NLT)

Stage 2: Face Opposition.

"Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you." 1 Peter 4:12 (NLT)

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. ...If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also." John 15:18, 20

Stage 3: Faith Strengthens

"...trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you." 1 Peter 4:19 (NLT)

Stage 4: Life's Full

"...Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world. If you are insulted because you bear the name of Christ, you will be blessed, for the glorious Spirit of God rests upon you." 1 Peter 4:13

"...So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation. All power to him forever! Amen." 1 Peter 5:10-11