

Hope for When Life Hurts

1 Peter 4:12-19 & Selected Scriptures

Introduction:

Patient Endurance: The fruit of our security in Christ, which strengthens us to persevere through anything.

Truths About Trials

James 1:2-4

1. Trials are _____ occurrences for every believer.
(James 1:2)
2. Trials come in various _____.
3. Trials are meant to _____ our faith.
4. Trials help our _____ to grow and mature.
(James 1:4; Jeremiah 17:7-8)

Strength For When We Suffer

1 Peter 4:12-19

1. When trials come, how should we _____?
(1 Peter 4:12-13; Philippians 3:10; James 1:12)
 - Trials are a means to a _____ end,
a _____ friendship with Jesus and a
_____ reward from Him in heaven.
2. When trials come, what should we _____?
 - a. Trials provide opportunities to draw upon God's _____.
(1 Peter 4:14; Matthew 5:10-12; Acts 7:54-60)

- b. _____ suffering is due to our sinful choices.
(1 Peter 4:15; 1 Peter 3:17)
 - c. _____ is not an option when suffering for our faith.
(1 Peter 4:16; Isaiah 53:5; Acts 5:40-41)
 - d. Suffering is usually timely and needed - like a _____
cleansing. (1 Peter 4:17a)
 - e. There's no comparison between our suffering now and what the
_____ will suffer later. (1 Pet. 4:17b-18; Rev.
20:11-15)
3. When trials come, in whom should we _____?
(1 Peter 4:19; Luke 23:46)

Conclusion:

Job 23:10 *But He knows the way I take; When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold.*

Verse for September - James 5:7-8 *Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.*

My Commitment: *"Lord, based upon what I heard You say to me this morning I choose to obey You by. . ."*

Our Fellowship: Ask someone: *"What did God say to you today?"*

Deuteronomy 30:14 (TM) *The Word is right here and now - as near as the tongue in your mouth, as near as the heart in your chest. Just do it!*