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Ephesians 5:1

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1 Peter 4:12

12 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. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

Trial

1. God Tests

2. Devil Tempts

A Trial is a series of circumstances whereby God Tests and the devil Tempts with the purpose to Prove that our faith is genuine

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John 21

18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go."

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19 (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

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1 Peter 5

2 shepherd [poimaino Shepherd] the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

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Ephesians 4

11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

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13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

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14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

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Shepherd the flock

A pastor has broad responsibility for the overall health and protection of the flock. Good spiritual health is like good physical health – it's beyond just eating good food. We must also get regular sleep, exercise, and maintain a good mental state.

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Brokenness Leads to Surrender

Jesus kept pushing until Peter was deeply hurt, because it was the only way that Peter would really deal with his unfaithfulness. God wants deep, genuine commitment to Himself, and is going to keep pushing until we confront whatever it is that is keeping us back from real surrender.

Jesus is Totally Committed to Us

Jesus is totally committed to restoring us after a failure. He's also totally committed to our holiness and transformation which means He is willing to hurt us to heal us.

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Dying to Self

Another will dress you	Emotional choices diminished
Carry you where you do not want to go	Physical freedom diminished

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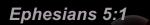
Playing It Safe

"When did we start believing that God wants to send us to safe places to do easy things? That faithfulness is holding the fort? That playing it safe is safe? That there is any greater privilege than sacrifice? That radical is anything but normal? Jesus didn't die to keep us safe. He died to make us dangerous." --Mark Batterson

Matthew 13

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

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