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Message Series
“When the Going Gets Tough...”

“Suffering...and the Will of God”

1 Peter 4:12-19

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

A consistent truth in Scripture:

Why we go through “painful trials”

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How to Fare Well When Life's Not Fair

1. Expect _____.

“...do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.” (v. 12, NIV)

[John 15:20, John 16:33, 1 Timothy 3:12]

2. Enjoy _____.

“But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ...” (v. 13, NIV)

“...If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed...” (v. 14)

[Matthew 5:10-11, Acts 5:41, Romans 5:3-5, James 1:2, 12]

3. Examine _____.

“Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.” (vs. 15-16, NASB)

Key word:

[Numbers 32:23, Galatians 6:7-8, Hebrews 12:6, Matthew 17:45-46]

4. Entrust _____.

“Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.” (v. 19)

[Daniel 3:18, 2 Timothy 1:12]