

Faithful Through the Fire

1 Peter 4:12-19

**Standing Firm in a Changing
Culture**



Main Idea

**When fiery trials come,
Christians must entrust
themselves to God and
keep doing what is right.**



Do Not Be Surprised

12 Dear friends, don't be surprised when the fiery ordeal comes among you to test you as if something unusual were happening to you.

1 Peter 4:12 (HCSB)



Prepared for Opposition

18 "If the world hates you, understand that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. However, because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of it, the world hates you."

John 15:18-19 (HCSB)



Prepared for Opposition

20 Remember the word I spoke to you: 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will also keep yours.

John 15:20 (HCSB)



Tested Faith

6 You rejoice in this, though now for a short time you have had to struggle in various trials

7 so that the genuineness of your faith—more valuable than gold, which perishes though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:6-7 (HCSB)



Share Christ's Sufferings

13 Instead, rejoice as you share in the sufferings of the Messiah, so that you may also rejoice with great joy at the revelation of His glory.

14 If you are ridiculed for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

1 Peter 4:13-14 (HCSB)



Blessed for His Sake

11 "You are blessed when they insult and persecute you and falsely say every kind of evil against you because of Me.

12 Be glad and rejoice, because your reward is great in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Matthew 5:11-12 (HCSB)



Do Not Be Ashamed

15 None of you, however, should suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or a meddler.

16 But if anyone suffers as a "Christian," he should not be ashamed but should glorify God in having that name.

1 Peter 4:15-16 (HCSB)



Christ Our Example

20 For what credit is there if you sin and are punished, and you endure it? But when you do what is good and suffer, if you endure it, this brings favor with God.

1 Peter 2:20 (HCSB)



Christ Our Example

**21 For you were called to this,
because Christ also suffered for
you,
leaving you an example,
so that you should follow in His
steps.**

1 Peter 2:21 (HCSB)



Judgment Begins

17 For the time has come for judgment to begin with God's household, and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who disobey the gospel of God?

1 Peter 4:17 (HCSB)



Judgment Begins

18 And if a righteous person is saved with difficulty, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?

1 Peter 4:18 (HCSB)



No Condemnation

**1 Therefore, no condemnation now exists for those in Christ Jesus,
2 because the Spirit's law of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.**

Romans 8:1-2 (HCSB)



Discipline for Holiness

10 For they disciplined us for a short time based on what seemed good to them, but He does it for our benefit, so that we can share His holiness.

11 No discipline seems enjoyable at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it yields the fruit of peace and righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:10-11 (HCSB)



Entrust Yourself to God

19 So those who suffer according to God's will should, while doing what is good, entrust themselves to a faithful Creator.

1 Peter 4:19 (HCSB)

