

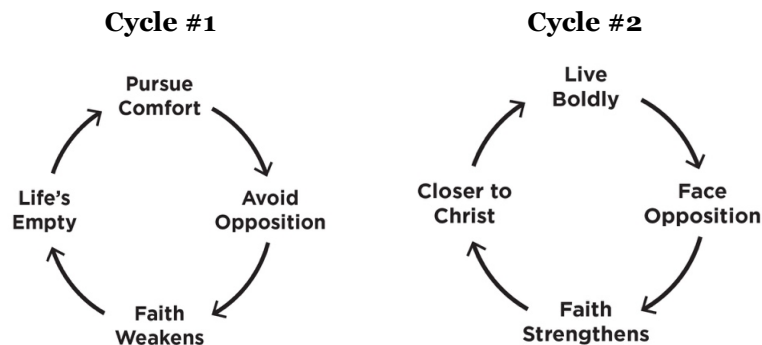
Standing Firm: Study of 1 Peter
“Keeping a Christian Perspective on Suffering”
1 Peter 4:12-19
November 12, 2017 / Pastor Shawn

1. Don't be surprised when you face opposition.

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.
1 Peter 4:12

2. Rejoice in your suffering as partnership with Jesus.

¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even a meddler. ¹⁶ However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear his name.
1 Peter 4:13-16



¹⁷ For it is time for judgement to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?
1 Peter 4:17

¹⁹ So if you're suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you.
1 Peter 4:19 (NLT)

**DO WHAT'S RIGHT AND
TRUST GOD WITH THE RESULTS.**

Discussion Questions

1. What was your "A-Ha" from Sunday's message? Why?
2. Have you experienced any level of persecution for your faith? Is there anything you wish you did differently?
3. What form does your "suffering for Jesus" take? Has such suffering purified, changed, molded, or matured you? How?
4. Pastor Shawn said, "Don't worry when you're persecuted for your faith, worry when you're not." How does this make you feel? Explain.
5. If you were to tell a group of new Believers what to expect in the Christian Life, what are some of the things (from 1 Peter) you would tell them? Why?
6. Read 1 Peter 5:5-7. What are you worried about right now? How can you live out this Scripture and give your worries to God?

Additional "Digging" Questions

7. In what sense is the Christian's suffering part of Christ's suffering? Why should the Christian find joy in this?
8. When Peter tells them to continue to do good (v.19), what reasons does he give for continuing.