

17-Jul-2022 | Discussion Questions
Suffering for God's Glory | 1 Pet 4:12-19 | Bro. Seng Guan

1Pet 4:12 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. **14** If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory^[b] and of God rests upon you. **15** But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. **16** Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. **17** For 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? **18** And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

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

- 1) Based on the Scriptures above, what are the dos and don'ts when we are confronted with fiery trials?
 - a. Do you think the teaching of the Apostle Peter is relevant to us today? (How?)
 - b. How do you cope as a Christian when faced with trials and hardships?

- 2) How can a Christian rejoice when they face fiery trials and being insulted for the name of Christ? (v13-14)

- a. Can we still experience such joy today? Or is it only reserved for the 1st century Christian?

 - b. Do you have any personal experience of this joy that the bible talks about?
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- 3) Why are we tempted to feel ashamed of the Gospel when we suffer as Christian?
 - a) How do you overcome this shame? (v16)

 - 4) Why does the Apostle Peter highlight the issues of God's judgment in verses 17 and 19?
 - a) How does God's judgment have to do with Christian's suffering?

 - b) What is the message that the Apostle Peter wanted his readers to understand?

 - 5) Do you find any comfort from this passage in your struggles with trials and hardships?