1 Peter 1:6-7, “You rejoice in this, even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials so that the proven character of your faith  — more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire — may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” (CSB)

Background

* Written after the great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Rome
* Written to a group who were suffering great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Written so that they could be greatly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Written for the Ἀγαπητοί, those greatly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Situation

* The believers did not understand why they were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* They may have wondered why there was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in this world
* They needed to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to carry on

Our Response

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that we will suffer for following Jesus
* Our suffering should not be the result of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Always remember we are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

John 16:32-33 “A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

1. Accept that we will suffer for following Jesus

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus said there would be trouble in this world
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to Jesus not away when times get tough
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the assurance that He is our constant help

1. Our suffering must not be the result of sin

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that our sin impacts our lives
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the temptation to blame God when it is on us
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your relationship with Him daily, confess your sin

1. Always remember we are never alone

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus and we are given a comforter, The Holy Spirit
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_to Him and He will show Himself to you
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when our suffering brings glory to God

Reminders – Psalm 46:1, Psalm 68:6, Proverbs 3:5-6, Hebrews 4:15-16, Hebrews 13:5-6