

## Faith Under Fire

— Leaving a Legacy (part 3) —

\_\_\_\_\_ Suffering

Immoral Suffering

\_\_\_\_\_ Suffering

### **What do you do when you suffer for being a Christian?**

**Understand it is going to \_\_\_\_\_**

*Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. 1 Peter 4:12 (NLT)*

*Do you remember what I told you? 'A slave is not greater than the master.' Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you. And if they had listened to me, they would listen to you. John 15:20 (NLT)*

*For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)*

### **\_\_\_\_\_ when we suffer for our faith**

*But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. 1 Peter 4:13 (NIV)*

#### 1) Suffering draws me closer to God

*Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world. 1 Peter 4:13 (NLT)*

#### 2) It means God can be seen in my life

*So be happy when you are insulted for being a Christian, for then the glorious Spirit of God rests upon you. 1 Peter 4:14 (NLT)*

*In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. 2 Timothy 3:12 (NIV)*

#### 3) God can trust me

*The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them worthy to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus. Acts 5:41 (NLT)*

#### **Refuse to be \_\_\_\_\_**

*But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name! 1 Peter 4:16 (NLT)*

*God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. Matthew 5:10 (NLT)*

#### **Remember the \_\_\_\_\_ I'll receive**

*So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good. 1 Peter 4:19 (NIV)*