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Sermon Title: Think It Not Strange

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Scripture text(s): 1 Peter 4:12-19

- 1) Read 1 Peter 4:12-19. What is an overview of this scripture passage?
- 2) Dan gave us 5 pillars from this passage to help us understand the theology of enduring suffering. The first being "You are loved". Read 1 Peter 4:12. Why is it a good foundation to start with the fact that we are loved?
- 3) Pillar #2 is "Persecution should produce joy rather than surprise." Read 1 Peter 4:12-13. Why did God set it up this way?
- 4) Why is it good to have our faith tested? Refer also to 1 Peter 1:7.
- 5) Dan brought out that our present sufferings increase our joy later when Christ returns. Discuss this in terms of how and why. Use other scriptures to explain your answer.
- 6) Pillar #3 is "Persecution is proof that the Spirit of God rests upon you." Read 1 Peter 4:14. Discuss times when you have experienced persecution and how it affected your relationship with the Lord.
- 7) Pillar #4 is "Persecution should not be viewed as a source of shame but rather opportunity to glorify God." Read 1 Peter 4:15-16. Are we talking about suffering due to our sin or suffering for righteousness' sake? Why should you not be ashamed of suffering like Christ? What should it be viewed as?
- 8) Pillar #5 is "Be grateful for purifying flames of persecution rather than condemning flames of Gods' wrath." Read 1 Peter 4: 17-19. Where does judgment begin? What type of judgment is this for the believer?
- 9) Read Luke 23:46. What did Jesus do? Why is it important to see what Jesus did?
- 10) What is God's purpose for us in all of this?