1. DON’T BE SURPRISED BY FIERY TRIALS

1 PETER 4:12, ESV, “Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trials when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.”

2. REJOICE THAT YOU ARE UNITED TO CHRIST

1 PETER 4:13-14, ESV, “But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.”

3. DON’T SUFFER FOR DOING EVIL

1 PETER 4:15, ESV, “But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.”

4. DON’T BE ASHAMED TO SUFFER FOR CHRIST’S NAME

1 PETER 4:16, ESV, “Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.”

5. REMEMBER THAT GOD USES SUFFERING TO PURIFY HIS CHURCH

1 PETER 4:17-18, ESV, “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? And if, ‘if the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?’”

6. ENTRUST YOUR SOUL TO YOUR FAITHFUL CREATOR

1 PETER 4:19, ESV, “Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.”

7. EMBRACE THAT WAITING IS NORMAL

1 PETER 4:5, ESV, “… clothe yourselves, all of you, in humility, toward one another, for ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’”

1 PETER 4:6, ESV, “Humble yourselves therefore, under the mighty hand of God…

1 PETER 4:7, ESV, “Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”

THERE COMES A TIME WHEN WE NEED TO STOP TALKING TO GOD ABOUT OUR PROBLEMS AND START TALKING TO OUR PROBLEMS ABOUT OUR GOD.
1 PETER 4:6, ESV, “So that at the proper time he may exalt you…”

1 PETER 4:8, ESV, “Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

1 PETER 4:9, ESV, “Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.”

1 PETER 4:10-11, ESV,NIV, “And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen”

Jeremiah says, LAMENTATIONS 3:25, ESV, “The Lord is good to those who wait for him.”

Isaiah says, ISAIAH 30:18, ESV, “… blessed are all those who wait for him.”


“God, I choose to believe it is good that I should wait quietly during _______.
