welcome to Shofar Christian church

Endurance in the Faith

Part 3:Part 3:comfort throughtrials

 (1Pe 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.

 (1Pe 4:13) But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

(1Pe 4:14) If you are insulted for the nameof Christ, you are blessed, because theSpirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

 (1Pe 4:15) But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.

 (1Pe 4:16) Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

 (1Pe 4:17) 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?

 (1Pe 4:18) And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

(1Pe 4:19) Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Expectation's for the believers

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V14 - Expect to be insulted
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Guidelines for suffering

V12- Expect fiery trials (Not be surprised)
V13 - Sharing in Christ's suffering (Rejoice)
V14 - Expect to be insulted (you are Blessed)
V16 - Expect to suffer as a Christian (Glorify God)
V19 - Suffer according to God's will (trust God, do good)

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 There is trials and pain that is self inflicted. These require repentance and obedience

4 Promises for **Believers** in trials

1) In trials: He will be with you

 (Deu 31:6) Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

 (Jos 1:9) Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

2) In trials: He will give you community

 (1Th 5:11) Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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- (Heb 3:12) Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.
- (Heb 3:13) But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.
- (Heb 3:14) For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

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 (Joh 13:35) By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

3) In trials: He will make you more like Jesus

- (1Pe 1:6) In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,
- (1Pe 1:7) so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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(Heb 12:2) looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

 (Heb 12:3) Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

 (Heb 12:4) In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

4) After the trials, awaits a sweet destiny

 (Rom 8:17) and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

 (Rom 8:18) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.