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IN A FOREIGN LAND

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THE LETTER OF FIRST PETER

# 1 Peter 4:12-19

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# James 1:2

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# Expect a Fiery Trial

Develop a Biblical framework [theology] for suffering.

# John 16:33

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The foundation of our ability to experience joy in the midst of suffering is a work of the Holy Spirit.

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Faith is always future oriented.

Faith is grounded in God's faithfulness in the past and is banking on the future promises of God.

Faith is not a personal power that we possess to create our own future.

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Faith is humble confidence in God, to deliver a future that He has promised.

# 1 John 3:2

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

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<sup>14</sup> If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

# 1 Peter 4:12-19

<sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup> Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

# 1 Peter 4:12-19

<sup>17</sup> 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? <sup>18</sup> And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

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Judgment of God's people [those who obey the gospel] that brings purification.

Judgment of those who are not God's people [those who disobey the gospel] that brings condemnation.

# 1 Peter 4:12-19

<sup>19</sup> Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.