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*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*

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1 Peter 4:7-11

*“Stand Up & Stand Out”*  
“Suffering According to God’s Will – Part 4”

- I. Foundation: God’s Provision of Salvation (1:1-12)
- II. Exhortation: Our Response to So Great a Salvation (1:13-5:14)
  - A. Sanctification (1:13-2:12)
  - B. Submission (2:11-3:12)
  - C. **Suffering (3:13-4:19)**
    - 1. Fearless (3:13-17)
    - 2. Focused (3:18-22)
    - 3. Faithful (4:1-6)
    - 4. **Fervent (4:7-11)**
      - a. **Why (7a) – “The end of all things is near”**

**b. What (7b-11b) – “Therefore...”**

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**c. Why (11c) – “so that...”**

So what?

## Discussion & Application:

1. Describe some of the ways (big or small) that you have suffered for righteousness. Share how time in the Word of God helped you grow in faithfulness to the Lord and the things of His kingdom.
2. How should believing that “the end of all things is near” impact the fervency of our commitment to biblical priorities? What gets in the way of that? See 2 Peter 3.
3. What does it mean to have sound judgment and a sober spirit? What does that have to do with what Peter is saying in 1 Peter 4? How does one develop sound judgment and a sober spirit? What impact does that have on the manner and frequency with which we pray?
4. What does “keep fervent” mean? Why would we need to “keep fervent” in our love for believers? What could get in the way of this? Is there any believer you are currently having a hard time loving fervently? What would God desire for you to do about it (Mt. 5:23f; Rom. 12:18)?
5. How does one “cover a multitude of sins”? What does that NOT mean (cf. Mt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5)? What should we do when we see/hear other believers not “cover a multitude of sins”? What would that do for the church?
6. What does it mean to be “hospitable”? Are you “hospitable” (cf. Rom. 12:13; 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8; Heb. 13:2)? How are you currently practicing that with people at the church you don’t know? What are some excuses people give for not being hospitable? How would you encourage someone that is giving those excuses to go ahead and be hospitable? Are you hospitable “without complaint”? Why did Peter add that to being hospitable? How does that tie in with covering a multitude of sins?
7. What is your unique spiritual giftedness? How do you know? Have you seen fruit? Have others verified your conclusion? How are you currently “employing it in serving” others in this church? What are some other ways you could employ your giftedness that you are not currently doing?
8. What does it mean to be a “steward”? Based on your current stewardship of your giftedness do you expect to hear the Lord say, “Well done!” (Splendid!)? Are you maximizing your giftedness in the strengthening of this local church? Are you expecting greater responsibility in the kingdom of Jesus because of your current faithfulness in evangelism and edification?
9. Do you love the “church”? Why should you love the church? What is the church? How does it fit into God’s redemptive plan? How important is the church to God? Why do you think so many people today really don’t care about the church?
10. Read 1 Cor. 10:31. What would it take for that verse to be characteristic of the way you live your life 24/7? Are you living right now in such a way that it is obvious to a watching world that you believe all glory and dominion belongs to God forever and ever? If not, what can you do about it this week?
11. If you participated in Pastor Paul’s **90-day-challenge you should be done**. Please let Pastor Paul know if you completed the challenge (or are going to soon). Email him at: [pbrown@tbbfchurch.org](mailto:pbrown@tbbfchurch.org). And since you just finished the book of Revelation, read it several more times and send questions from it to Pastor Paul. He will start preaching through Revelation sometime after he returns from his sabbatical.
12. **Memorize 1 Peter 4:7-11.**