

## SERMON TEXT - I PETER 4:12-19

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. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. 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? 18 And

*"If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"*

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

## KINGDOMS COLLIDING

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**Theme:** *We can face suffering for Christ because our confidence is in God's purposes and goodness.*

#### **#1 See Clearly:** *Suffering Reveals God's Purposes*

A. Sharing in Christ's Suffering

B. Judgment Of The Household of God

#### **#2 Don't Be Afraid:** *Suffering Reveals God's Goodness*

A. The Spirit of God Rests Upon You

B. Entrust Your Soul to Faithful Creator

### Other Passages

**Luke 22:31** "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." 33 Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death." 34 Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."

**2Cor. 5:17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**Rom. 10:9** because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.