TRUTH FROM THE OLD FISHERMAN #9: BASIC - AND ADVANCED SUFFERING PART 2

Text: 1 Peter 4

1. All(!) Christians will Eventually be Tested 'By Fire' --So Don't Act 'All Surprised' (1 Peter 4:12)

1 Peter 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.

2. Passing the First Test: Rejoicing and Praising God = You're Truly His! (vv13-14, 16)

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.

¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

3. Passing the Second Test: Don't "Stand with Sinners" (Psalm 1), But Remain 100% Committed to Him During Your Suffering (vv15, 17-19)

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

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.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

James 1:2-3