

Put Me In, Coach
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(1 Peter 4:12–19, NLT) “Dear friends, don’t be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world. If you are insulted because you bear the name of Christ, you will be blessed, for the glorious Spirit of God rests upon you. If you suffer, however, it must not be for murder, stealing, making trouble, or prying into other people’s affairs. But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name! For the time has come for judgment, and it must begin with God’s household. And if judgment begins with us, what terrible fate awaits those who have never obeyed God’s Good News? And also, “If the righteous are barely saved, what will happen to godless sinners?” So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you.”

1. FIRE PURIFIES.

2. FIRE REVEALS MY FAITH.

(Jeremiah 2:27–28, NLT) “To an image carved from a piece of wood they say, ‘You are my father.’ To an idol chiseled from a block of stone they say, ‘You are my mother.’ They turn their backs on me, but in times of trouble they cry out to me, ‘Come and save us!’ But why not call on these gods you have made? When trouble comes, let them save you if they can! For you have as many gods as there are towns in Judah.”

HOW TO COME THROUGH

1. DON’T BE SURPRISED.

(1 Peter 4:12, NLT) “Dear friends, don’t be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you.”

2. OBEY.

(1 Peter 4:16, NLT) *“But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name!”*

3. TRUST YOUR FUTURE TO GOD.

(VS 19) *“Trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you.”*

GROWTHWORK

1. GET ON THE FIELD.

2. DON'T DROP THE BALL.

3. NEVER GIVE UP.