

To Live Church, is Christ

21 For to me, to live is Christ.

Philippians 1:21 NKJV

FCI Faith Group Program

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BOOK OF PETER (PART 4) – ENCOURAGEMENT IN TRIALS

- *May pinagdadaan ka ba? Well, dadaan lang yan at dadaan ka lang diyan. No camping sa trials.*
- Temptations are common to man. But rest, sit back, and put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ!
- *Magsaya ka kasi panalo ka na! With our Father God who is for you, Jesus in you, and the Holy Spirit helping you, you will surely overcome!*
- **1 Peter 1:3-5** – We learned we are begotten again to a living hope. God’s promises are yes and amen in Christ for us! To an inheritance reserved in heaven.
- This is guaranteed. Why? Because we are kept by God.
- We are not keeping ourselves. It is God who is keeping us and He has kept us.
- *Garantisado na ang ating mana reserved in heaven.*
- *Sa mundong ito, walang garantiya. Si Hesus lang ang may garantiya.*
- The only one who can guarantee is our Father God. *Siya lang ang may kakayanan para maging guarantor.* He can really guarantor and bring the results.
- Do not be a guarantor – **Proverbs 6:1-5**.
- We do not keep ourselves heirs, we do not keep ourselves holy and blameless, or as children of God. It is God who kept us (past tense/done deal na).
- Guaranteed because we are kept by the power of God.
- God keeps you a child of God and an heir of the Kingdom forever.
- He already kept you. Done deal.
- We have foreknowledge – *alam natin na may mana tayo reserved in heaven.*
- This is the work of the Holy Spirit – to tell us of things to come.
- Declare: “We are kept by God.”
- **1 Peter 1:6-7** – In this (this knowledge and guarantee) you greatly rejoice.
- For a little while – *panandalian lang yan.*
- Purpose – that the genuineness of your faith which is much more precious than gold may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ (Rapture).
- There is a better attitude towards trials, tribulations, testing – Be of good cheer!
- Count it all joy when you fall into various trials. (**James 1:2**)
- Jesus did warn us that in this world there will be trials and tribulation, but He said, “Be of good cheer I have overcome the world.”
- If Jesus overcame the world, you, who have Jesus in you, will also overcome the world!
- We are winners in Christ!
- **1. Trials are not from God.**
- Trials, *sakit, karamdaman, kahirapan, kakulangan, problema* – these are not from God.
- But there is one trial from God – the Great Tribulation which will happen after the rapture. But this is for those who did not believe Jesus Christ, not us. We are no longer here when that happens.
- **James 1:12-14** – God does not tempt, test, or try anyone.
- Because the Lord honors our freewill, *hindi inallow ni Lord kundi inallow mo yan.*
- Tempted is from the Greek word “*Peirazo*” which means tested or tried.
- Do not say that when you are tested or tried: I am tested or tried by God or *ako ay sinusubukan ng Diyos.*

- Why? Because God is good all the time. Only good gift and perfect gift *lamang ang galing sa Diyos*. Read this from James 1 (assignment).
- **2. Trials comes from the enemy or us.**
- **James 1:14-15** – own desires; enticed by the enemy.
- Best picture: Jesus’ temptation in **Matthew 4:1-11**.
- It is the devil, Satan, who tempts/tries/tests us.
- *Ang sagot palagi ni Jesus*: It is written.
- The devil had to flee because he cannot stand the Word of God.
- **3. Trials bring out the best of us when we go through it**
- If you trust in the Lord when you go through trials:
 - **A. Patience is the fruit – James 1:2-3**
 - *Kung tinulungan ka ni Lord dati, tutulungan ka ulit Niya ngayon.*
 - *Kung gusto mong umikli ang iyong trials, speak the Word.*
 - Read your Bible. It is your equipment.
 - Our faith works with the Word of God.
 - **B. Our faith becomes priceless – 1 Peter 1:7**
 - Jesus endured the tempting, kaya kapuri-puri ang Kanyang pananampalataya. Worthy of honor and glory.
 - Jesus showed us how to be strong in temptation by saying it is written and speaking the Word of God.
 - Read the Word. Stay in the Word. Speak the Word.
 - *Lalayas ang kaaway pag ginamitan mo ng Salita ng Diyos.*
 - You become an easy prey *pag di mo alam ang Salita ng Diyos.*
 - Assignment: Read Mark 4, Matthew 4:1-11, James 1.
 - **Mark 4:17** – The devil gives trials for the sake of the Word. He wants you to stumble. He wants you to doubt the Word of God like what he did to the woman at the garden. (**Genesis 2:16-17**)
 - With a little twist of words, the woman got confused. *Kaya dapat alam natin kung ano ang sinabi ni Lord. Always refer to your Bible kasi diyang nakakadaya ang kaaway.*
 - *Iba yung may question at iba yung kinu-question ang Salita ng Diyos.*
 - Peter in his epistle was encouraging the elect who were dispersed because of the persecution. And they loved Jesus even to their death. Many of them died as martyrs. They did not deny Jesus.
 - Why were they so bold to stand up for their faith? The Holy Spirit gave them boldness.
 - The game changer is the Holy Spirit in us – we will not deny Jesus Christ.
 - He will give us boldness, fearlessness. He is the one who makes the difference.

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