

The Gospel of Luke

Peter Encourages His Brethren

Luke 22:32; Selected Scriptures from 1 Peter

1. **A Leader Who Learned His Lesson** (1 Pt. 5:1-4)
Peter, along with the rest of the apostles, had a hard time learning what it meant to be a leader. Though the apostles were not faultless in their leadership (Gal. 2:11-13; Acts. 15:39), they understood the proper goal at which they should aim.
2. **A Leader Warned for What Was to Come** (Lk. 22:31-35)
Jesus repeatedly warned His disciples that they were to expect no better treatment than He Himself received (Jn. 16:32-33).
3. **A Leader Encourages His Brethren** (Luke 22:32)
Jesus clearly warned Peter about his soon failings, but He was also gracious to explain His own purpose for Peter after that time. Peter's first epistle is a great source of encouragement for remaining steadfast through hardship.
 - A. **Trials are Necessary** (1 Pt. 1:6-7)
The purpose for trials is the purifying of the believer (cf. Lk. 22:31).
 - B. **Trial Are Coming** (1 Pt. 1:13-16)
One of the key factors in preparing for trials is personal holiness. The Christian is to strive to have a singular focus on Jesus and a particular goal of conformity in holiness.
 - C. **Trials Are Unjust** (1 Pt. 2:19-23)
Christians are to be submissive, peaceful, and obedient to every authority so that trials are not for sin or rebellion. When suffering, we are to be patient endurance without retaliation, castigation, or intimidation (cf. 1 Th. 4:11).
 - D. **Trials Are a Blessing** (1 Pt. 3:13-17)
When suffering for righteousness, we are blessed and we are to count it all joy (Ja. 1:2). We are to be ready to make the most of every opportunity that suffering brings (cf. Eph. 5:16).
 - E. **Trials Are Necessary, Coming, Unjust, and a Blessing** (1 Pt. 4:12-16)
A good teacher reiterates, repeats, restates and rehashes important truths.
 - F. **Trials Are Better Than Judgment** (1 Pt. 4:17-19)
Judgment begins with believers for our purification and the spreading of the gospel. Those who do not endure trials will endure judgment.
 - G. **Trials Are Temporary** (1 Pt. 5:6-1)
We are to trust in the Lord in and through our trials while we steadfastly resist the devil because our trials will only last for a little while before our reward.