

**STANDING STRONG IN OUR LIVING HOPE | 1 PETER**  
**1 PETER 4:12-19**

Have you ever walked into a building and saw an Evacuation Plan? It is a fairly common practice to prepare for a crisis. In our volatile age, organizations are beginning more and more to prepare Emergency Action, Crisis Management, and Active Shooter plans. As we approach our passage today, we want to ask: Do I have a crisis management plan for my spiritual life? What happens when I face suffering or an unexpected attack? Peter teaches us some very applicable principles that help us prepare for attacks, suffering, and persecution. How can we be prepared to face adversity?

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that you will face suffering and persecution for your faith at some level (4:12). *Why are you surprised?*
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_ when you suffer for Christ, because it \_\_\_\_\_ that you are a follower of His and that His Spirit is directing you. (4:13-14)
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ why you are persecuted to ensure it is based on following God. (4:15)
  
4. Do not let \_\_\_\_\_ from the world \_\_\_\_\_ you from following your faithful Creator who is \_\_\_\_\_ of all. (4:17-20) *I have no one to impress and only one to please.*