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# Christian Suffering

*Hostility experienced  
in opposition to the  
declaration and  
demonstration of our  
faith.*

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4 Keys to build  
**FAITH** through the  
**FIRES**  
of Christian  
suffering.

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# Key #1

# Be Ready for the Fires.

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# 1 Peter 3:15

*Always be prepared to  
give an answer to  
everyone who asks you  
to give the reason for  
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also with the same  
attitude.*

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1 Peter 4:7

*Therefore, be self-  
controlled and  
sober-minded.*

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# 1 Peter 4:12

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## **1 Peter 2:11-12**

***<sup>11</sup> Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.***





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# WAR! OAHU BOMBED BY JAPANESE PLANES

(Associated Press by Trans-Pacific Telephone)  
**SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.**—President Roosevelt announced this morning that Japanese planes had attacked Manila and Pearl Harbor.

**SIX KNOWN DEAD, 21 INJURED, AT EMERGENCY HOSPITAL**

## Attack Made On Island's Defense Areas

The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor from the air and all naval and military activities on the island of Oahu are suspended.

Oahu was attacked at 7:55 this morning by Japanese planes. The first plane, a Zero, was seen in the sky at 7:55.

Within 15 minutes the island was under attack. Bombs fell on many parts of the city and in defense areas. The defense of the island was suspended.

Army intelligence officers at Ft. Shafter announced officially shortly after 8:30 a. m. that the attack on Oahu was made by an enemy force of 100 planes.

"We are under a special air raid," the announcement said.

## CIVILIANS DASHED ON STREETS

The army has ordered that all civilians stay off the streets and highways and not use the phone.

At the same time a rush crowd of black and white people from the city hurried to the city hall to see the governor.

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## WITNESSES SAW IN ACTION

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## Hundreds See City Bombed

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**Be ready to  
explain your  
hope.**

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## **1 Peter 3:13-16**

***13 Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? 14 But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” 15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.***



## **1 Peter 3:13-16**

***But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup>  
keeping a clear conscience, so that those who  
speak maliciously against your good behavior  
in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.***



# ***1 Peter 3:15***

***Always be prepared to give an  
answer to everyone who asks you  
to give the reason for the hope  
that you have.***



**Are you prepared  
to give an answer  
for your hope?**

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**Be Willing to  
Suffer for your  
Faith.**

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## **1 Peter 4:1-4**

***<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude. because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. <sup>2</sup>As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.***



## **1 Peter 4:1-4**

***<sup>3</sup> For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. <sup>4</sup> They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you.***



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# Key #2

**Focus on Doing  
Good in spite of  
Suffering.**

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1 Peter 3:13

*Who is going to  
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# 1 Peter 3:17

*For it is better, if it is  
God's will, to suffer  
for doing good **than**  
for doing evil.*

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# 1 Peter 4:19

*So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.*

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# 1 Peter 2:12

*Keep your conduct among  
the Gentiles honorable, so  
that when they speak against  
you as evildoers, they may  
see your good deeds and  
glorify God on the day of  
visitation.*

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# Key #3

**Embrace the Christian  
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# “Fiery Ordeal”

*Pureosis = Refining Fire*

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**A fiery trial is anytime  
something is  
threatened that is very,  
very dear to you.**

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**God is in the  
midst of your  
suffering for your  
good... so rejoice!**

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# Key #4

*Look to Jesus Christ  
for Strength.*

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# 1 Peter 3:18

*For Christ also suffered  
once for sins, the righteous  
for the unrighteous, to bring  
you to God. He was put to  
death in the body but made  
alive in the Spirit.*

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