HOPE and HOLINESS

in a hostile world

STUDIES IN 1 PETER

Stand Firm in God's Grace

1 Peter 5:10-14

In the face of trials and suffering ...

1. Resolve to keep trusting God.

To calibrate your thinking and nurture your faith, you need to ...

A. Keep the magnitude of the trial in perspective.

2 Cor. 4:17-18

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

To calibrate your thinking and nurture your faith, you need to ...

- A. Keep the magnitude of the trial in perspective.
- B. Don't forget who God is!

Rom. 5:1-2

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Rom. 5:3-4

"And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope:"

Rom. 5:5

"And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

To calibrate your thinking and nurture your faith, you need to ...

- A. Keep the magnitude of the trial in perspective.
- B. Don't forget who God is!
- C. Keep God's calling and purpose for you in perspective.
- D. Keep God's purpose for trials in perspective.

In the face of trials and suffering ...

- 1. Resolve to keep trusting God.
- 2. Resolve to stand firm with other believers in God's true grace.