



# GROWTH POINT

MIDWEEK SERVICE

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## Title: Center in Jesus

*“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. 14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men’s matters.” (1 Peter 4:12–15)*

## INTRODUCTION

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### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Trials

#### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ Trial

**Definition:** *strange*—to surprise or astonish by the strangeness and novelty of a thing

#### B. The Trial by \_\_\_\_\_

*“Yea, and all that will live godly Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”  
(2 Timothy 3:12)*

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Trials

### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

*“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself; lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.” (Hebrews 12:2-3)*

### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

*“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” (Romans 8:16-18)*

**Quote:** “In adversity we usually want God to do a removing job when He wants to do an improving job.”

## 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Trials

### A. \_\_\_\_\_ Self-Imposed Suffering

*“But and if ye suffer for righteousness’ sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; 16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.” (1 Peter 3:14, 16)*

### B. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ When Suffering

*“For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.” (2 Timothy 1:12)*

## CONCLUSION

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