

## Becoming a Congregation Like Jesus (Part 5 – Fortitude & Hope)

**Text:** 1 Peter 5:9-10

**Main Idea:** Only a strong faith & an enduring hope will help us as we strive to persevere through spiritual warfare & suffering.

1. **Cultivate fortitude:** Don't let the difficulties of life \_\_\_\_\_ your faith! (v. 9-10a)
  - Develop a \_\_\_\_\_ faith! (9a)
    - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ up the Scripture **equipping** yourself with reasons to believe in God, the Holy Scripture & Jesus, our Savior! (Rom 10:17, 1 Peter 2:2)
    - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ that God would **strengthen** your faith. (Mark 9:24, Luke 17:5, Eph 3:16-17, Luke 22:31-32)
  - Keep suffering in the right \_\_\_\_\_. (9b-10a)
    - 1) **Who:** Suffering is common among \_\_\_\_\_ Christians, the brotherhood.
    - 2) **Why:** Suffering is designed by God to accomplish His perfect \_\_\_\_\_ in us. (1Pt 1:6-7, 4:19, Jn15:18-21, Js 5:11)
    - 3) **When:** Suffering is just for a \_\_\_\_\_ while in life compared to eternity. (2 Cor 4:16-18)
2. **Cultivate hope:** Remember that God \_\_\_\_\_ to strengthen us with persevering grace that He might save & deliver us! (10b)
  - Remember **who God is:** God of all \_\_\_\_\_!
  - Remember **what God did:** God \_\_\_\_\_ you into his eternal glory in Christ!
  - Remember **what God promises to do:** God will restore, confirm, strengthen & \_\_\_\_\_ you!