

DON'T BE SURPRISED
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1 Peter 4:12-16 (NIV)

^[12]Dear friends, **do not be surprised** at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.

^[13]But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

^[14]If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

^[15]If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler.

^[16]However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

John 15:18 (NIV)

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first."

2 Timothy 3:12-13 (NIV)

^[12]In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be **persecuted**,

^[13]while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

1 John 3:11-13 (NIV)

^[11]This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

^[12]Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous.

^[13]**Do not be surprised**, my brothers, if the world hates you.

1 Timothy 6:12 (NIV)

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.