

## Costly Resistance

Many decisions in our lives are made by the determining factors of **C**\_\_\_\_\_ and **C**\_\_\_\_\_.

Both of those factors must then be contrasted to the \_\_\_\_\_ that comes as the result.

Many believers, in America, are not expecting God to **C**\_\_\_\_\_ (test) their faith on either of those factors.

*The heart is more deceitful than all else  
and is desperately sick; Who can understand it?  
Jeremiah 17:9 NASB*

### God's Word is True:

... "If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. ..." ~ Jesus  
John 15:20

"We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," ~ Paul & Barnabas (Acts 14:22) [Our journey once saved]

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,  
2 Timothy 3:12

I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, ...  
Rev. 1:9

Could we be \_\_\_\_\_ to think that  
because of our present freedoms or the rapture,  
that we will never face extreme difficulties?

*At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.  
Matthew 24:10-13*

## Three Realities to Accept

There will be great **Conflict**

Heb. 10:32-34

P\_\_\_\_\_ causing **Wounds**

P\_\_\_\_\_ Ridicule attacking **Identity**

P\_\_\_\_\_ keeping you **Limited**

P\_\_\_\_\_ taken creating emptiness & **Loss**

*Satan always attacks our humanness,  
in hopes we will not draw on our \_\_\_\_\_ identity.*

We must remain **Confident**

Heb. 10:35-36

We must P\_\_\_\_\_. (this is relational not raw power)

Trusting in His P\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus is **Coming**

Heb. 10:37-39

We're only required one P\_\_\_\_\_, [\_\_\_\_\_]

This life's **Costs** and **Comforts** can not be compared  
to the value of knowing and being ready for \_\_\_\_\_.

*The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field.  
When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went  
and sold all he had and bought that field. Matt. 13:44*

### Optional Readings:

*Suffering & Persecution part of the Christian Faith (14 chapters)*

**Matthew 5 & 24 1 Corinthians 4 2 Corinthians 1 & 4**

**1 Thess. 3 2 Timothy 3 1 Peter 1-5 Rev. 2-3**