

# **“Dispersion & Testing”**

**~ 1 Peter 1**

**Sermon Series:  
Easter**



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***“<sup>28</sup> We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”***

## **1. Sometimes, God uses suffering to move us.**

<sup>1</sup> Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you. (1 Peter 1)

## **2. Sometimes, God uses suffering to test and refine us.**

<sup>6</sup> “In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 1)

***We are those “<sup>5</sup> who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”***