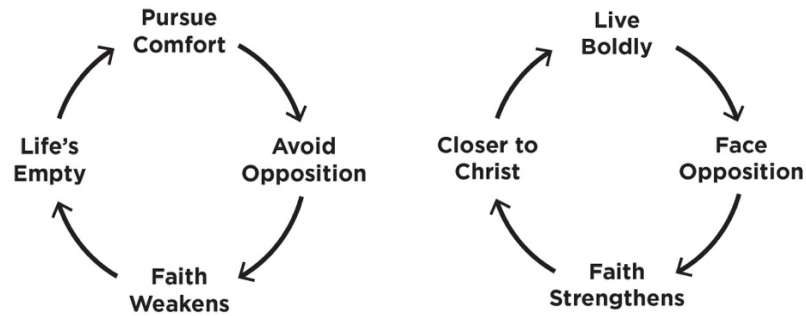


**STRANGER PEOPLE ~ 4**  
**STRANGE PERSPECTIVE IN PERSECUTION**

*“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. ... <sup>20</sup>If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. John 15:18, 20*

*Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. 1 Peter 4:12 NLT*

*Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world. 1 Peter 4:13 NLT*



*So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you. 1 Peter 4:19 NLT*

**DO WHAT IS \_\_\_\_\_ AND TRUST GOD WITH THE \_\_\_\_\_**

*... “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” <sup>6</sup> So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. <sup>7</sup> Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. 1 Peter 5:5-7 NLT*

*... So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation. <sup>11</sup> All power to him forever! Amen. 1 Peter 5:10-11*

**Group Discussion**

Have you experienced any level of persecution for your faith? Is there anything you wish you did differently?

We said, “Don’t worry when you’re persecuted for your faith, worry when you’re not.” How does this make you feel? Explain.

Read 1 Peter 5:5-7. What are you worried about right now? How can you live out this Scripture and give your worries to God?