



What makes you feel better if you are losing at a game you want to win?

What makes it feel like we as Christians are losing?

Are we playing the right game?

GAME 1:

WORLD: Create _____ on _____. **GOD:** Live on _____ in view of _____!

1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

A. If winning is creating _____ on _____, we are losing. If winning is living on _____ in view of _____, we will win!

What changes when I live each day in view of heaven?

- *1 Corinthians 9:24-25 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.*

GAME 2:

WORLD: _____ of all _____. **GOD:** _____ through _____

1 Peter 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

B. If winning is _____ of all conflict and suffering, we are losing. If winning is _____ a genuine faith, we will win!

What changes when I see suffering as an opportunity for a stronger faith?

- *Romans 5:3-5 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not disappoint us, ...*

GAME 3:

WORLD: Find _____ in the _____. **GOD:** Find _____ in the _____

1 Peter 1:8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

C. If winning is finding joy in the _____ things of earth, we are losing. If winning is finding joy in the _____ of our souls, we will win!

What changes when I live each day focusing on the unseen vs. the seen?

- *2 Cor. 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

BONUS: GAME 4: Check the Cross and Crown Facebook page later this week for one more game shift God gives in 1 Peter 1:10-12...