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**“Do Not be Surprised”**

**I Peter 4:12-13; Acts 1:8, 8:1-4; James 1:1-8**

**Challenges that we have faced and overcome:**

**-Pandemics in the World**

1. Antonine Plague (165 AD) – killed 5 million

2. Plague of Justinian (541-2 AD) – killed 25 million

3. Black Death (1346-1353) – killed 50-200 million

4. Cholera (1852-60) – killed 1 million

5. Flu Pandemic (1889-90) – killed 1 million

6. Cholera (1910-11) – killed 800,000

7. Flu Pandemic (1918) – killed 20-50 million

8. Asian Flu (1956-58) – killed 2 million

9. Flu Pandemic (1968) – killed 1 million

10. HIV/AIDS (2005-2012) – killed 36 million

**-Crises that have affected us in America:**

1. Civil War

2. World War I

3. 1929 Depression

4. World War II

5. 9-11

**-Natural Disasters that have recently affected us in America:**

1. Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans

2. Hurricane Sandy in NYC

3. Houston flooding

4. Hurricane Rita in Puerto Rica

**God has warned of the possibilities of pandemics, crises, and disasters which lead to “SUFFERING” - in this life and in this fallen world**

**So, how we can respond to this present Crisis with faith and hope???**

1. **Remove the element of being surprised**

**I Peter 4:12**

**I Peter 4:13 (Read)**

1. **Keep our eyes on what we have in Christ**

**Acts 1:8**

**Acts 8:1-4**

1. Purpose to **live out our faith and share the Gospel**

**James 1:1-8**

1. C**onsider the trial to be all joy**, and we allow it to **grow our faith!!!**

5. A**sk God for the wisdom** to understand how He is **using the trial to help us mature.**

**Respond to this and every crisis that comes in your life with faith and hope!!!**