



The High Calling of Suffering!

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Text: 1 Peter 4:12-19

Passage Summary: As we walk with Christ in a sin filled and fallen world, we should not be surprised that _____ will be a part of the _____!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that one of the foundational _____ to embracing and enduring suffering is to see it from God's _____! (4:12-19)

Application: Recognize that when it comes to suffering, it involves...

- _____! (v.12)

"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you."

1 Peter 4:12

Remember: When it comes to suffering, we should not only _____ it, but we should _____ God to redeem it, superintend it, and walk with us in it for the fulfillment of His purposes and the glory of His Name!

- _____! (v.13)

"But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed."

1 Peter 4:13

Remember: When it comes to suffering, the confident _____ of future _____ is intended to fuel perseverance and praise in the here and now!

- _____! (v.14-16)

"If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you."

1 Peter 4:14

Remember: When it comes to suffering, don't be afraid to stand out in a crowd as you stand up for Jesus, but at the same time don't _____ the One the world is really rejecting, nor _____ what it says about you as a child of God!

- _____ (v.17-19)

"So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good."

1 Peter 4:19

Remember: When it comes to suffering, we are often unable to trust our feelings and emotions, but we can always trust in the unchanging _____ of God as our faithful _____!

"Blessed is the man whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty. For he wounds, but he also binds up; he injures, but his hands also heal."

Job 5:17-18

"Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'"

John 6:68-69

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine from this moment forward to see suffering from God's _____ by seeing it as a high _____; it will not necessarily eliminate the pain, but it can breathe new life into our souls as we understand the greater work God has in store in and through it all!