

A LITTLE WHILE LONGER

10.7.17 & 10.8.17

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Part 2: Why Is Suffering Necessary?

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A. WHAT IS BIBLICAL SUFFERING? 1 Peter 4:15-19

- **suffer:** to be afflicted; to suffer badly; to be in a bad plight
- 1. (V15-16) It's *not* suffering **because of YOU:** “...as a murder, or thief, or evildoer, or troublesome meddler...”
- 2. (V19) It *is* suffering **because of HIM:** “...those who also suffer for the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what's right...”

B. HERE'S OUR *FINAL 2 REASONS* WHY SUFFERING IS NECESSARY?

1 Peter 4:1-14

1. (V1-2) Suffering is required to **PERFECT US**
2. (V3-6) When suffering perfects us, it then **CONFIRMS US**
3. (V7-11) Suffering confirms us, then it **STRENGTHENS US:**
 - **Sound:** to be in one's right mind; to put a moderate estimate upon one's self; to curb one's passions
 - **Fervent:** stretched out
 - **Employ:** to attend to anything, that may serve another's interests
4. (V12-14) and when Suffering strengthens us, it **ESTABLISHES US:**
 - **Testing:** an experiment, attempt, trial, proving; the trial of man's fidelity, integrity, virtue, constancy; of the temptation by which the devil sought to divert Jesus the Messiah from his divine errand
 - **Share:** to become a sharer, be made a partner; to join one's self to an associate
 - **Rests:** to keep quiet, of calm and patient expectation; to be at peace

Things I Should Remember...

Engage Homework
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Breaking the Ice...

1. **HEAR:** What did the Holy Spirit say *to you (personally)* through the message? And was there *one insight* from this weekend’s message that you found to be most *helpful to apply to your everyday life*?

Going Deeper... Read: 1 Peter 4:7-14

2. **APPLY:** How has your *suffering strengthened you*? Did it ever *test your integrity*? How has suffering *strengthened and developed constancy* in your walk with Christ? **Key verses: 1 Peter 4:15-19**

God Grow Me...

3. **PRAYER:** Lord, can You please show me what I need to ***correct in*** my life...
(Sit quietly before God and then list the ideas that come to your mind)

4. **SHARE:** How can I help others grow through what I’ve learned?