



If you should suffer for following Jesus, entrust yourself to God and keep doing good to others

1. Purposeful pain is _____

1 Peter 4:12-13

1 Peter 2:20-21

1 Peter 1:6-7

Romans 5:3-5

Matthew 13:20-21

Acts 5:40-41

There's an emotional and spiritual wounding from the mouths of Jesus' _____ that is much less bearable than what the body may endure at the hands of Jesus' _____

2. When it's _____ to be aligned with Jesus, it's still worth it

1 Peter 4:14-18

Matthew 5:11-12

If you're listening today and you haven't put your faith in Jesus yet to be your Lord and Savior, then the painful things that God is allowing into your life are for the purpose of getting your _____ and to recognize your need for a Savior

3. Because God is in _____, you can trust Him for everything He allows into your life

1 Peter 4:19

Romans 8:28

Trinity Core Value

Your calling is to influence your world with Jesus

Titus 2:11-14

Now What? If you should suffer for following Jesus, entrust yourself to God and keep doing good to others

How has God prepared and equipped us to handle suffering?

- Matthew 28:20; John 14:16, 25-27
- John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
- John 15:12; Galatians 6:2
- Philippians 3:10; 1 Peter 4:13
- Hebrews 12:1-2

What are the promises in 1 Peter 4:12-19? How might these strengthen and comfort us?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

This is a difficult subject. Please be sensitive to one another. Some among you have suffered loss, abuse, rejection, betrayal, and many other causes of suffering.

How do we Americans deal with suffering?

What stands out to you in 1 Peter's teaching on suffering?

Are the teachings of 1 Peter applicable to all types of suffering?

What helps you when you endure suffering? What doesn't help?

PRAY TOGETHER

There is so much to pray for in our nation, community, and church. Please pray for how we represent Christ in our worlds, for the decisions before Todd and the other elders, and how we can love and encourage one another.