

Sharing Hope in Tough Times | 1st Peter

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Suffering for Doing Good (1 Peter 3:13-22) .

Bad Things Happen to Good People (1 Peter 3:13-14)

What are some principles we can use in our lives when we are going through a difficult time?

- ◇ Be patient (1 Peter 2:20)
- ◇ Worship - place our HOPE in Him (1 Peter 3:15a)
- ◇ Trust - (1 Peter 1:21)
- ◇ Encourage yourself in the Lord (Psalm 43:5)
- ◇ Remember: Jesus the suffering Saviour (1 Peter 2:21-23; 3: 18) He endured pain and suffering, He can identify with what we are going through.

Be Anchored (1 Peter 3:15-17)

- ◇ Stay in the Word
- ◇ Pray
- ◇ Surround yourself with people of faith that will partner with you in prayer

Don't Lose Heart (2 Corinthians 4: 7-10, 16-18)

- ◇ Troubles are only temporary!
- ◇ Let your hope be evident to others
- ◇ Stay connected in community – it's in community we can face struggles and difficulties together.

SCRIPTURES

Mark 4: 38- 40

Isaiah 6 & Acts 7: 54-60

John 16:33

1 Peter 1:21

Psalm 43:5

1 Peter 2:21-23

1 Peter 3:18

2 Corinthians 4: 7-10, 16-18

QUOTE

“God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.” - C.S. Lewis

KNOW

GROW | Small Group Questions

1. Read 1 Peter 3:13-22 together. In what ways, large or small, have you experienced criticism or rejection for your faith or for doing good (vv. 13-14)?
2. What is the reason for the hope in you (v. 15)?
3. Look at vv. 17-22 - Ordinarily we would say that it's better to suffer for doing evil than for doing good, because if you suffer for doing evil, you deserve it. Why does Peter reverse this assumption and say it is better to suffer for doing good?
 - a. In what ways do these verses emphasize the ultimate victory of God in Christ?
4. What questions do verses 19-21 raise in your mind?

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Soldiers prepare for battle during times of peace. In the same way, prepare yourself now by reading the scriptures found in this week's notes, meditate on them, ask God to bring these verses and the application to mind when in times of need.

