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**Series:** Hope for a Hopeless World

**Title:** Having the Proper Perspective

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 4:12-19

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## Suffering

What if, as a follower of Jesus, you are \_\_\_\_\_ because of your \_\_\_\_\_?

What should our \_\_\_\_\_ be on suffering for Jesus?

**1. Change your perspective from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

### **1 Peter 4:12-14 ESV**

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

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### **1 Peter 3:14 ESV**

14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled,

### **Matthew 5:10-12 ESV**

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## Rejoice and Mourn

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of your suffering

### 1 Peter 4:15 ESV

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.

**In suffering, God wants us to evaluate if our suffering is because we followed *HIM* or followed *OURSELVES***

### 1 Peter 4:16 ESV

16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

### 1 Peter 4:17-18 ESV

17 For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

### John 15:15 ESV

15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

**3. When you suffer, \_\_\_\_\_ God with your whole \_\_\_\_\_**

### 1 Peter 4:19 ESV

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

### Luke 22:42 ESV

42 Saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."