

sermon discussion

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MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES

What do we do when we face constant difficulty in the Gap?

- 1 Peter 1:10-13
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Set your expectations on the gap's guaranteed grace.

- 1 Peter 1:10-12

God guarantees his grace with his prophecies.

- Daniel 8:13, 15a
- Daniel 9:24-26 NET
- 1 Peter 1:11

- Isaiah 52:13-15a
- Isaiah 53:3-11

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The grace is guaranteed for us.

- 1 Peter 1:12

Set your expectations on Christ's guaranteed return.

- 1 Peter 1:13
- 1 Peter 3:15
- 1 Peter 1:13

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Share about a trial that you have come through that strengthened your faith, and if there were any Scriptures that helped you to remain hopeful in your suffering.
2. **Read Isaiah 63:7.** Which of God's characteristics most encourages you to hold tightly to the expectation of his grace?
3. **Read Hebrews 4:15-16 and 2 Timothy 2:1-3.** How is Christ's suffering a guarantee of his grace to us in our own trials?
4. What role do prayer and other spiritual disciplines play in helping us to be sober-minded as we wait on and look for Christ's return?
5. The Greek word for grace, *charis*, means gift or benefit. Meditate on 1 Peter 5:9-11 and consider which gifts of grace a believer can reasonably expect to receive while suffering in the gap.
6. Describe how suffering in the gap can lead to personal growth and a deeper understanding of God's grace and mercy.
7. Consider specific ways you can meet the needs of a suffering loved one. Brainstorm 3-5 specific acts you can use to show love to someone experiencing suffering or despair.

GOING FURTHER

MEMORIZE: *Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.* **Hebrews 4:16**

READ: *Trusting God* by Jerry Bridges OR *Walking with God through Pain and Suffering* by Timothy Keller

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