



HOPE

Suffering Well

1 Peter 4:12-19

“God’s presence with me was not Jim’s presence. That was a terrible fact. God’s presence did not change the terrible fact that I was a widow... Jim’s absence thrust me, forced me, hurried me to God, my hope and my only refuge. And I learned in that experience who God is. Who he is in a way I could have never known otherwise.”
Elizabeth Elliot

“The deepest things that I have learned in my own life have come from the deepest suffering. And out of the deepest waters and the hottest fires have come the deepest things that I know about God.” Elizabeth Elliot

1. Do not be surprised. (v.12)

- A. We live in a broken world.
- B. We don’t fit in here.
- C. God uses suffering to transform us.

2. Choose to rejoice. (vv.13-14)

Matthew 5:11-12

Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

3. Be above reproach even in your suffering. (v.15)

4. Do not give in to shame. (v.16)

5. Embrace suffering as a refining work. (vv.17-18)

6. Entrust yourself to God. (v.19)

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.



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