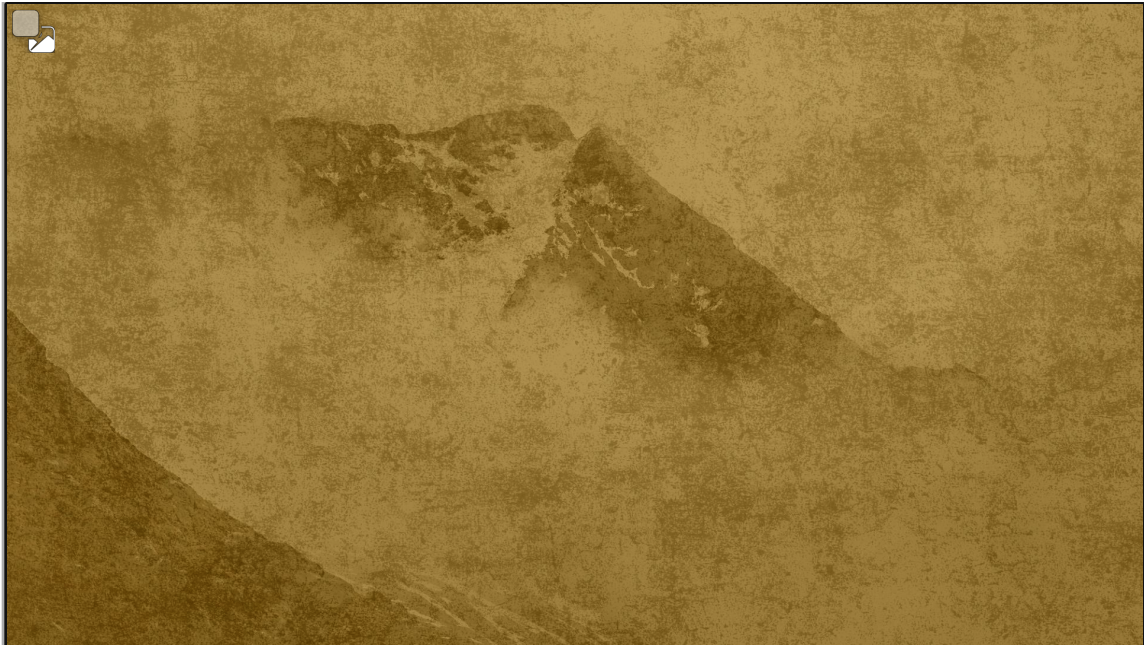


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**For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ
you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his
sake...**

Philippians 1v29 (CSB)

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Merited suffering

**“Be sure your sin will find you out.”
Numbers 32v23**

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Innocent Suffering

**The Lord said to Satan, “From where have you come?”
Satan answered the Lord and said, “From going to and fro
on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.” And
the Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant
Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless
and upright man, who fears God and turns away from
evil?”**

Job 1v7-8 (CSB)

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Unjust suffering

Share in Jesus' suffering to share in his glory - Romans 8v17

If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also - John 15v20

Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Jesus will be persecuted - 2 Timothy 3v12

People will revile against you, falsely accuse you and speak evil against you; rejoice and be glad - Matt 5v11-12

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Social Conflict Theory

“It [social conflict theory] is the strategic interaction between individuals or groups that results from a perceived deprivation by someone they depend on.”

Travis Williams

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When following Jesus costs you, how do you stay steadfast without becoming retaliatory, fearful, bitter, passive, or ashamed?

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When you suffer, **bless like Jesus.**

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Finally, all of you be like-minded and sympathetic, love one another, and be compassionate and humble, not paying back evil for evil or insult for insult but, on the contrary, giving a blessing, since you were called for this, so that you may inherit a blessing.

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**For the one who wants to love life
and to see good days,
let him keep his tongue from evil
and his lips from speaking deceit,
and let him turn away from evil
and do what is good.
Let him seek peace and pursue it,**

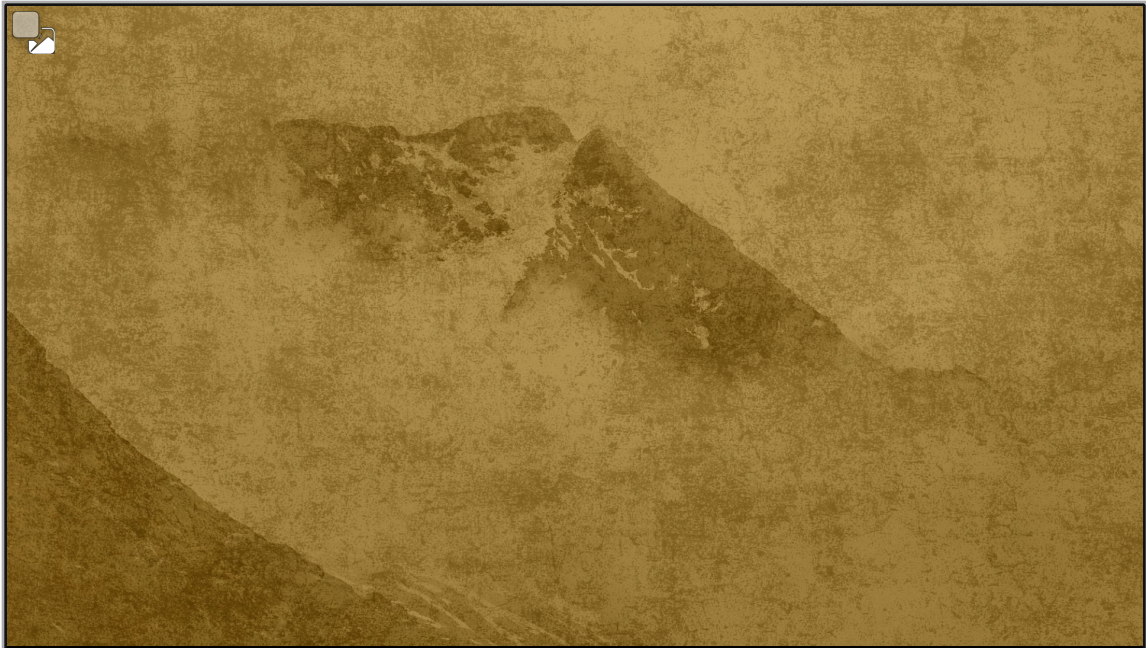
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**because the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous
and his ears are open to their prayer.
But the face of the Lord is against
those who do what is evil.
1 Peter 3v8-12 (CSB)**

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**Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.
Luke 6v28 (CSB)**

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Suffering reveals whether the way of Jesus has reached our reactions.

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We are called to intentionally love and bless others in the face of suffering for Jesus.

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When you suffer for good, **witness with hope.**

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Who then will harm you if you are devoted to what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. Do not fear them or be intimidated, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.

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Yet do this with gentleness and reverence, keeping a clear conscience, so that when you are accused, those who disparage your good conduct in Christ will be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

1 Peter 3v13-17 (CSB)

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Your opposition is also your greatest opportunity.

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“A successful defense of the faith should result in the de-escalation of tensions, in the development of a small measure of mutual understanding, and in the outcomes of real people’s lives.”

Dr. James Hunter

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We are called to witness with winsome courage.

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When you suffer, **remember Jesus has already won.**

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For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, in which he also went and made proclamation to the spirits in prison who in the past were disobedient, when God patiently waited in the days of Noah while the ark was being prepared.

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In it a few—that is, eight people—were saved through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you (not as the removal of dirt from the body, but the pledge of a good conscience toward God) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

1 Peter 3v18-22 (CSB)

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Jesus' suffering was:

Substitutionary — “the righteous for the unrighteous”

Definitive — “once for all”

Reconciliatory — “that he might bring you to God”

Victorious — made alive, risen, ascended, enthroned

Cosmic — angels, authorities, and powers are subject to him

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We are called to remember that Jesus already won.

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Through Jesus, we can stay faithful when suffering costs us.

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