

# YOU *Can't* LOSE

## Succeeding Even in Suffering

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1 PETER 4:12-13,19; HEBREWS 10:23

How would Jesus succeed through suffering even on the cross? How are we to succeed through suffering in our lives? The answer is by having spiritual oneness with God. No one is out of the reach of God's love. It is His desire that we would be close to Him. Remaining faithful to the Father will give us what we need when trials come.



## NOTES

“You will all leave me alone. Yet, I am not alone, for the Father is with me.”

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.”

“In this world you will have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world.”

*JOHN 16:32-33*

Jesus said this before He went to the cross. It was a statement of raw faith in the face of suffering.

“My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death.”

*MATTHEW 26:38*

Was Jesus lying? Was he pretending? Or was he feeling it? Was he stepping into harm's way and facing the suffering? How did he do it?

“The Son can do nothing by himself; he can only do what he sees the Father doing, whatever the Father does the Son also does.”

*JOHN 5:19*

Jesus got focus and fortitude from the Father. Same thing for us.

“Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name – the name you gave me – so that they may be one as we are one.”

*JOHN 17:11b*

### **How did Jesus succeed through suffering?**

Spiritual oneness with the Father. It's the same way for us.

“My Father is with me.” “I and the Father are one.” “I do what I see the Father doing.” “I am not alone for the Father is with me.”

Excruciating = out of the cross. Excruciating suffering started at the cross.

“Father, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing.”

*LUKE 23:34*



“My God, my God! Why have you forsaken me?”

MATTHEW 27:46

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

LUKE 23:46

The Father brought focus and fortitude that kept Jesus forward.

This most cruel symbol of excruciating torture and abuse of power became the timeless symbol of the triumphant life and love of God for us.

Jesus succeeded in suffering. Jesus succeeded through suffering. Jesus succeeded in spite of suffering. Jesus succeeded over suffering. How? The Father was with him.

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

Am I going to make it? How can I hold on? What’s going on?

“Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.”

“But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.”

“So then, those who suffer according to God’s will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.”

1 PETER 4:12-13, 19

Sometimes believers will suffer? And it’s part of God’s will?

*“Real courage is knowing what is the right thing to do and doing it, even when it might end up hurting you somehow.” – Mark Ruffalo (The Hulk)*

True love knows how to suffer – how to place self in harm's way in order to save and serve others.

**The secret to ‘You Can’t Lose’ is that because God is faithful:**

- I have fellowship with God and forgiveness from Him to share with others.
- I have triumph over the tempter and temptation.
- I succeed even in suffering.

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God doesn't always keep us from suffering, but He never leaves us in it. He is with us through it and will keep us just like he kept Jesus. We can be courageous.

**How to Succeed Even in Suffering:**

- **Rejoice (choose joy) and commit (choose Jesus)** – “Rejoice... and commit to their faithful Creator”
- **Do good** – “continue to do good”
- **Hold on to the hope of joy-filled glory yet to come** – “...overjoyed when his glory is revealed”

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.”

*HEBREWS 10:23*

We can trust God, our faithful Creator, that even if we bleed and even if we die we are still going to do good. We are going to make the most of this moment before us and we are going to hold onto the hope we have in Christ, that though we die, yet shall we live.

What is your suffering? May the Father be with you – as he was with Jesus. May the Son lift you by his Holy Spirit. May you feel the Holy Spirit breathing new courage and inspiration into your life.

You can't lose!

