

# **STORMS OF LIFE / THE STORM OF SUFFERING**

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**Text: 1 Peter 4:12-19 (NIV)**

### **Three Kinds of Suffering**

- \_\_\_\_\_: because I am a human being.
- \_\_\_\_\_: because I sin.
- \_\_\_\_\_: because I am a Christ-follower.

### **To Navigate This Storm I Need to...**

#### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ It's Bound to Happen.**

"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you."  
1 Peter 4:12 (NIV)

"Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also."  
John 15:20a (NIV)

"For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms."  
Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)

#### **2. \_\_\_\_\_ When it Does Happen.**

"But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ."  
1 Peter 4:13a (NIV)

### **Reasons to Rejoice**

- It \_\_\_\_\_ me to Christ like nothing else can.

"These trials will make you partners with Christ in his suffering, and afterward you will have the wonderful joy of sharing his glory when it is displayed to all the world."  
1 Peter 4:13b (NLT)

- It allows others to \_\_\_\_\_ in me.

"If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed because the Spirit of glory--the Spirit of God--is resting on you."  
1 Peter 4:14 (GWT)

- It means God can \_\_\_\_\_ me.

"And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name."  
Acts 5:41 (KJV)

#### **3. \_\_\_\_\_ to be Ashamed.**

"But if you suffer because you are a Christian, do not be ashamed. Praise God because you wear that name."  
1 Peter 4:16 (NCV)

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for doing what God approves of. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them."  
Matthew 5:10 (GWT)

#### **4. \_\_\_\_\_ The Reward I Will Receive.**

"And since we are his children, we will share his treasures—for everything God gives to his Son, Christ, is ours, too. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering."  
Romans 8:17 (NLT)

"For our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever!"  
2 Corinthians 4:17 (NLT)

#### **5. \_\_\_\_\_ Faithful to God.**

"So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good."  
1 Peter 4:19 (NIV)

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes."  
Romans 1:16a (NKJV)

### **Going Deeper:**

- How does understanding the difference between common, carnal, and Christian suffering change the way you respond to hardship in your own life?
- What does it mean practically to rejoice in suffering rather than simply endure it, and how can we cultivate this attitude?
- If you were put on trial for being like Jesus Christ, would there be enough evidence to convict you based on how you live your daily life?