

1st Peter 1:6-12

Salvation Sees Us Through Suffering



Peter's encouragement to believers who are suffering (2-12)

1. *Remember* what God has already done for you (2)
2. *Receive* what God offers you (2)
3. *Repeatedly* praise God (3-5)
4. *Recognize* (and embrace) God's perspective (6-7)
5. *Rejoice* greatly in the Lord (8-9)
6. *Reflect* on His great grace (10-12)

Php. 2:12:13 (ESV)

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, (13)for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”



4. *Recognize* (and embrace) God's perspective of suffering/trials:

- Given our *past* and *future* assurance, we can **rejoice** in them

- They:**
- are **temporary**
 - are **necessary**
 - are **difficult**
 - can be **many**
 - have a **purpose**
 - **refine your faith**

Acts 16:29-31 (NIV)

“The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. (30) He then brought them out and asked, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ (31) They replied, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.’”



Jam. 4:14 (ESV)

“...What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.”



Ps. 39:5 (ESV)

“You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Everyone is but a breath, even those who seem secure.”



Heb. 4:15 (ESV)

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."



Heb. 2:17 (ESV)

"Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people."



Heb. 2:18 (ESV)

"For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted."



Matt. 4:10-11 (ESV)

“...Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.’”



1 Pet. 2:21 (ESV)

“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.”



Jam. 1:2-4 (ESV)

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, (3)for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. (4)And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”



Php. 4:6-7 (ESV)

"do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (7)And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."



2 Cor. 12:9 (ESV)

“But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’...”



5. *Rejoice* greatly in the Lord

By:

- *Loving* Him because He first loved us
- *Believing* in Him (walking by faith)
- *Hoping* in Him, looking forward to a certain future

Matt. 28:18-20 (ESV)

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.
(19)Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20)teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

