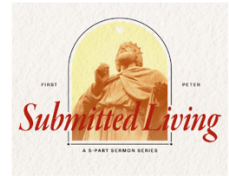




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1 Peter 2:21-25 | Not for Itching Ears: The Christian and Inevitable Suffering

1. Suffer _____ (21)

2. Suffer _____ (22-23)

3. Suffer _____ (24-25)

Scripture Memory

Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.
–1 Peter 2:16

Application Questions

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **1 Peter 2:21** and **Philippians 1:29**. In what ways have you suffered as a Christian, and how has that suffering benefited your relationship with Christ?
2. Read **1 Peter 2:22-23**. Is there ever an appropriate time for a Christian to retaliate? How can a Christian follow Christ's example without becoming a doormat for the world?
3. Read **1 Peter 2:22-23** and **Psalms 139:1-6**. How does knowing that God is fully aware of your suffering comfort you as you seek to patiently endure like Jesus?
4. Read **1 Peter 2:23** and **Revelation 21:4**. How would passages like these assist you in responding to someone who believes God is cruel, knowing that His children are suffering but not intervening to provide relief?
5. Read **1 Peter 2:24** and **James 2:14-19**. How are these two passages related? In other words, how does the relationship of faith and works, which James talks about, relate to the purpose of Jesus' death from 1 Peter 2:24?
6. Read **1 Peter 2:24-25**. What are some sinful responses to suffering that you need to die to, and what are the positive responses that you need to embrace?

Recommended Reading

- *Suffering is Never for Nothing* - Elizabeth Elliot
- *The Cross of Christ* - John Stott
- *The Majesty of God in the Midst of Innocent Suffer* - Walt Kaiser
- *The Bruised Reed* - Richard Sibbes