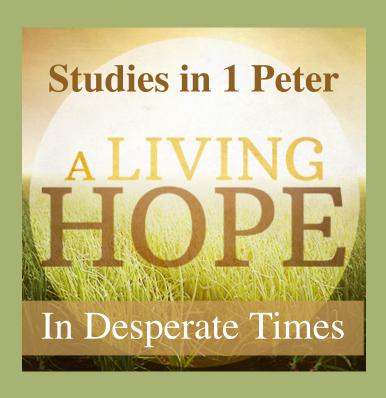
Sunday Morning in the Word



February 25, 2018



1 Peter 4:12-19





Our Reasonable Response to Our Suffering



1 Peter 4:12

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John 16:33

I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. You WILL have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world.

Acts 14:21-22

After they had preached the gospel in that town and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, to Iconium, and to Antioch, 22 strengthening the disciples by encouraging them to continue in the faith

and by

telling them, "It is NECESSARY to go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God."

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Acts 5:41

After they called in the apostles and had them flogged, they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. 41 Then they went out from the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to be treated shamefully on BEHALF OF THE NAME.

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There is salvation in no one else, for there is **no other name** under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.

Revelation 19:16

And he has a name written on his robe and on his thigh: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.



When we suffer, how should we respond?

Don't be surprised - it's part of life's journey!

Don't be ashamed - It is an honor to bear the name of "Christian!"

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1 Peter 1:6-7

You rejoice in this, even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials 7 so that the proven character of your faith—more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is **refined** by fire.



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Instead, rejoice as you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may also rejoice with great joy when his glory is revealed.

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Matthew 5:11-12a

You are blessed when they insult you and persecute you and falsely say every kind of evil against you because of me. Be glad and rejoice, because your reward is great in heaven.

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James 1:12

Blessed is the one who endures **trials**, because when he has stood the test **he will receive the crown of life** that God has promised to those who love him.

SO when we suffer, what is our reasonable response?

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Do rejoice - for you are being refined here on earth AND you will be rewarded in heaven!



1 Peter 4:14

If you are ridiculed for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

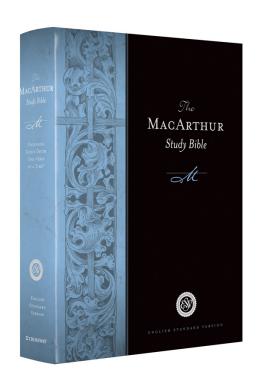
1 Peter 4:19

So then, let those who suffer according to God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator while doing what is good.

1 Peter 4:17

For the time has come for judgment to begin with God's household, and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who disobey the gospel of God?

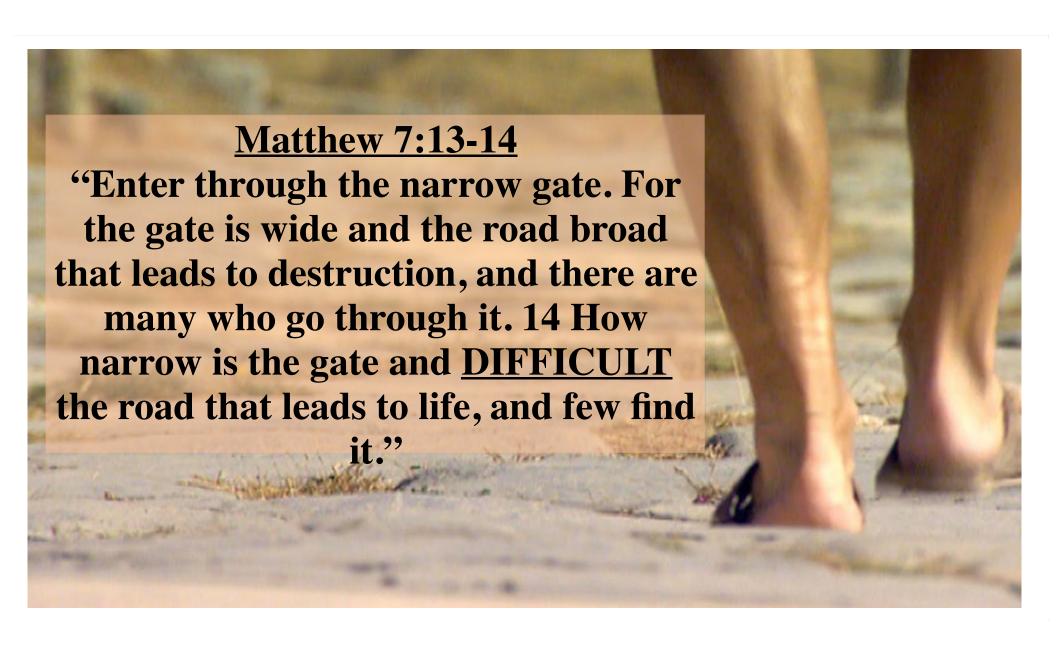
1 Peter 4:18 (Quotation of Proverbs 11:31) And if a righteous person is saved with difficulty, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?



1 Pet. 4:17 judgment . . . household of God.

Not condemnation, but the purging, chastening, and purifying of the church by the loving hand of God. It is far better and more important to kingdom work to endure suffering as the Lord purges and strengthens the church, than to endure the eternal sufferings of the unbeliever in the lake of fire. And, if God so strongly and painfully judges his church, which he loves, what will be his fury on the ungodly?

(The MacArthur Study Bible)



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You are being guarded by God's power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 You rejoice in this, even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials . . .





Dr. Bill Katip and his 9 year old grandson, Aiden

"So much Scripture has been speaking to us, but perhaps Romans 8:26-27 from the Message says it best right now."

"Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves

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God has a purpose for your pain, a reason for your struggle and a reward for your faithfulness.

Trust Him and don't give up.

SUMMARY: SO when we suffer How should we respond?

Don't be surprised - it's part of life's journey!

Don't be ashamed - It is an honor to bear the name of "Christian!"

Do rejoice - for you are being refined here on earth and you will be rewarded in heaven!

Do rely upon God - for he is resting upon us to help us and we can entrust ourselves to God, our faithful Creator!