



Hopeful Sufferers & a Faithful Creator

1 Peter 4:12-19

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The Commands in 1 Peter 4:12-19

v. 12	Do not be surprised
v. 13	Rejoice
v. 15	Let none of you suffer
v. 16	Let him not be ashamed
v. 16	Let him glorify God
v. 19	Commit [entrust]

Let None of You Suffer as:

1 Peter 4:15 – *But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters.*

1 Peter 2:11-12

¹¹ Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, ¹² having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Let Him Not be Ashamed:

1 Peter 4:16

Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

Let Him Glorify God:

Philippians 2:5-13

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now 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 do for His good pleasure.

Commit Your Souls to a Faithful Creator:

1 Peter 4:19

Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

Luke 23:46

And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.' " Having said this, He breathed His last.

Application: How Do I Prepare for Suffering

"We have to be prepared in our mind and heart before suffering strikes so that we are not surprised by suffering. . . . I have often sat beside people who were going through terrible troubles and silently wished they had taken the time to learn more about their faith before the tidal wave of trouble had engulfed them." – Timothy Keller

1. Expect that suffering will come.
2. Know God through His word.
3. Embrace community.
4. Look to Jesus as your example.
5. Hold on to Him with everything you've got.

1 Peter 5:10-11

¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. ¹¹ To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

This Sunday is Back-to-School Sunday! Our Grace Kids will be making gift bags for their teachers. Stop by the table in the lobby to pick up prayer cards & pray for our students, college kids, teachers, and administrators.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, August 17 – Picnic @ Char's (women & teen girls) – Sign up with QR code or on the sign-up sheet outside the worship center.

Saturdays 9/13 & 10/11 – Respite Training - Sign up with QR code.

Friday-Saturday, September 19-20 – Fall women's retreat in Lexington, KY. Sign up in the lobby.

