

# THE HUMBLE SUFFERER – PT 2

August 8, 2021

1 Peter 4:12-19

I. When suffering comes, don't be \_\_\_\_\_  
that your faith is secure. – v. 12-14

How can you discern if your suffering is truly a test of your faith or a trial of your own making? How does claiming spiritual attacks or spiritual warfare in sinful suffering hurt our walk and our witness? How does judging/discerning your own heart, with the help of your church family, help you rightly assess and respond to suffering?

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### 3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Trusting God in the midst of suffering is saying, "God, I believe you can, I believe you will, but even if you don't, I will worship you." How can this mindset and heart help us to "do good" in the midst of suffering? How can you "do good" in the midst of a current trial in your life?

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II. When suffering comes, grow in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. – v. 15-18



III. When suffering comes, \_\_\_\_\_ to carry you through. — v. 17-11

“Doing Good”:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**\_\_\_\_\_ IS MY ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ TO  
A SECURE AND SANCTIFIED FAITH.**

**Stewardship Report:**  
Last Week: \$5,247.00  
This Month: \$5000.00  
Last Month: \$29,540.00  
Monthly Budget: \$26,531.00



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### SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

#### 1. STUDY THE SCRIPTURE

Read 1 Peter 4:12-19. What “surprising” statements does Peter make in the first 3 verses and how can you make sense of them for your life? According to this passage, what purpose does suffering serve in the life of believers?

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What direction and encouragement does Peter give us in verse 19 to help us walk through suffering and trials in our lives? How can we “do good” in the midst of walking through trials and suffering with Christ?

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#### 2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

What is your normal reaction when suffering comes into your life and why? How have you seen God use suffering in your life to test and refine your faith? What helps you be prepared to rejoice in suffering rather than be surprised by it?

