

**Call To Worship**

Psalm 62:6-8

**Songs**

Adoration: "Rejoice" – Dustin Kensrue

Confession: "I Will Exalt" – Amanda Cook

"His Mercy Is More" – Matt Papa

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 62

**Prayer**

**Sermon**

"A Right Response To Suffering" – Bradley Davis

1 Peter 4:12-19

*\*See page 2 for sermon notes.*

**Song**

Response: "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me" – CityAlight

**Benediction**

Romans 15:5-6

# A RIGHT RESPONSE TO SUFFERING

1 PETER 4:12-19

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**3. Do not be ashamed, but \_\_\_\_\_ . (vv.16-18)**

**4. Do not give up, but \_\_\_\_\_ yourself to God. (v.19)**

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### VIRTUAL VBS (STARTS TONIGHT!)

Families, VBS is here!!! Join us tonight for livestreamed worship on Facebook at 6PM. Use your kits to make the snacks and go through the discovery activities. If you need a VBS kit, there will be some available for pick up at our covered drive through today. Click [here](#) to get your daily videos and instructions and use the hashtag #capstonevirtualvbs2020 to share your VBS adventure this week!

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# FAMILY WORSHIP

1 PETER 4:12-19

## DAY 1

*Read 1 Peter 4:12-13*

So far in his letter, Peter has said a lot about suffering and trials. We have learned that Christians are sure to face suffering, but can endure because Jesus also faced suffering and promised to be with us. In these verses, Peter says we should not be surprised when suffering comes - it isn't strange or unusual, but what is to be expected! Rather, Christians should rejoice when suffering happens. How are we supposed to do that?

Peter said we can rejoice and be glad when suffering comes, because we share in Christ's suffering and are looking forward to the day when His glory is fully revealed on earth. Peter is not saying that suffering is enjoyable (it isn't) or that we should delight in the hardships we endure (that's hard to do). What he is saying is that we have a reason to take heart and find hope when suffering comes, because of our allegiance to Jesus.

**ASK** God to help you put your hope in Him and find reason to rejoice when suffering comes in your life.

## DAY 2

*Read Acts 5:40-41*

Soon after Jesus was resurrected, the Christian church was just getting started and was seen as a threat to the religious institutions of the day. The same Jewish leaders who had crucified Jesus were now trying to stop the momentum of Peter and the other apostles who were rapidly growing Jesus' following. Some of these early Christians were beaten by the authorities and ordered not to speak any more in the name of Jesus.

Rather than giving up hope or feeling forsaken because of their suffering, these brave Christians did the opposite: they rejoiced! They considered it an honor that they had been counted worthy to suffer for Jesus' sake. We can learn a lot from these early believers and their hope in Christ. Rejoicing now is what makes enjoying the future glory at Christ's return possible.

**THINK** about some practical ways you can rejoice and find hope in God when things don't go your way.

## DAY 3

*Read 1 Peter 4:14-16*

Can you think of some examples of suffering in the world? There is certainly no shortage. Some of the suffering we face is a result of our own sin, some is the result of the sin of others, and some is the result of living in a fallen world that has been corrupted by sin. Peter said that Christians will face suffering, but should suffer for the right reasons. Not as a thief or murderer or for doing the wrong thing, but for doing the right thing by obeying Jesus.

We learned in the first few verses of 1 Peter that Christians are exiles and sojourners in this world. Our true home is in heaven! As such, in this world we will be considered outsiders and sometimes even foolish for following Jesus. But when people make fun of or persecute Christians, they can rejoice knowing that they are blessed by God. In his crucifixion, Jesus gave us the perfect example to follow for how to endure suffering for the glory of God.

**PRAY** for persecuted Christians around the world who are imprisoned or even killed for their faith in Jesus.

## DAY 4

*Read 1 Peter 4:17-19*

In the last verse of chapter 4, Peter gives a message of hope to Christians who are suffering. He tells them to “entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.” What does it mean to entrust something? If you entrust your pet dog to a friend, you are putting your faith in your friend that they will do a good job taking care of your dog. When we entrust our souls to God, we are putting faith in God that He will redeem our suffering for our own good and for His glory.

Just as Jesus endured suffering and persecution by entrusting Himself to God, we must also. But Jesus doesn't call us to anything that He hasn't already endured Himself. When we entrust ourselves to God, we commit our lives to Him in a way that shows the world that He can be counted on to keep His promises. We do this while continuing to do good. Just like Jesus continued to bless His enemies up to the moment He died, we are called to press forward in the path God has called us to.

**THANK** God for sending Jesus to suffer in our place for our sins and make a way for us to be counted righteous.