



1 Peter

2:13-3:7



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2 Timothy 3:16: “All Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness...”

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1 Cor 8:13 “Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again!”

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1 Cor 8:9: “Be careful that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak.”

Main Idea

We find strength in times of suffering by trusting God's judgment and imitating Jesus.

1 Peter outline so far

- I. Christians go through suffering (1:1-2:12)
 - A. Why does God let us suffer? (1:1-12)
 - B. How do we live in suffering? (1:13-2:3)
 - C. Why is our response different? (2:4-12)

1 Peter outline so far

II. What suffering will we go through, and how do we respond? (2:13-4:19)

A. Suffering in unfair power dynamics (2:13-3:7)

B. Suffering in interpersonal relationships (3:8-22)

C. Suffering in personal sin (4:1-11)

D. Suffering summary (4:12-19)

1 Peter outline so far

Three types of unfair suffering 1st century Christians encounter and how to respond:

Governments/Citizens (2:13-17)

Masters/slaves (2:18-25)

Husbands/Wives (3:1-7)

1 Peter 2:13-3:7

2:13: “Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.”

Government submission in the Bible

Acts 5:29: “We must obey God rather than men!”

Government submission in the Bible

Matthew 17:26: “Render to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

Government submission in the Bible

Acts 23:3: “You whitewashed wall!”

23:4: “You dare to insult God’s high priest?”

23:5: “I did not realize he was the high priest...it is written, ‘Do not speak evil about the ruler of your people.’”

Government

16 Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God.

Government

17 Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.

Government

2:15 For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.



Masters

18 “Slaves, submit yourselves to the masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.”

Masters

19 For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God.

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21 Christ suffered for you...that you should follow in his steps.

Isaiah 53 and 1 Peter 2

Isa 53:9: “He had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth”

1 Peter 2:22: “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

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Isaiah 53:7: “He was oppressed and afflicted, yet did not open his mouth.”

1 Peter 2:23: “When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate.”

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Isaiah 53:4 “The punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

1 Peter 2:24: “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree...by his wounds, you have been healed.”

Isaiah 53 and 1 Peter 2

Deuteronomy 21:23: “A man hung on a tree is cursed by God.”

Galatians 3:13: “Christ redeemed us from the law by becoming a curse for us.”

Isaiah 53 and 1 Peter 2

1 Peter 2:24: "...so that we might die to sins and live to righteousness."

Spouses

3:1: “Wives, in the same way, be submissive to your husbands...”

3:7: “Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives...”

Spouses

Ephesians 5:21: Submit to one another out of reverence to Christ.

Spouses

3:1: “Be submissive...so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives...”

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Spouses

3:7: “Treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.”

3:12: “The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears attentive to their prayer...but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

Spouses

3:3: “Your beauty should not come from outward adornment...⁴ Instead, it should be that of your inner self...which is of great worth in God’s sight.”

Applying the passage today

Identify your “unfair suffering” (present or future)

Seek to do the good, hard thing

Come to Christ for strength to keep doing good