

When Suffering for Your Faith in Christ
1 Peter 4:12-19

Don't be surprised...

Suffering for your faith is purposeful (12a).

- *Suffering is God's tool for revealing the quality of your faith and deepening your dependence on Him.*

Don't think it strange...

Suffering for your faith is actually a call to joy (12b, 13).

- *Just as Jesus suffered and was honored with glory, so all who suffer with Him have the joyful anticipation of sharing in His glory too.*

Don't be ashamed...

Suffering for your faith brings God's blessing (14-16).

- *God blesses those who suffer for His name with an added measure of His sustaining grace and glory even now.*

Don't be unaware...

Suffering for your faith is instructive (17, 18).

- *Any suffering we experience now is but a tiny taste of the future suffering of all who reject Christ as Savior.*

Do be full of confidence...

Suffering for your faith is an invitation to trust (19).

- *Suffering encourages me to rest in the sovereign purposes of my faithful God who orders everything after the kind intention of His will.*