

Suffering

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1 Peter 4:12-19

1 Peter 4:15

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1. I'm not **surprised**.

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Dear friends, do not be **surprised** at the painful **trial** you are **suffering**, as though something **strange** were happening to you.

2. I'm a **partner** of Christ.

1 Peter 4:13-14

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But **rejoice** that you **participate** in
the **sufferings of Christ**, so that
you may be **overjoyed** when
his glory is revealed.

1 Peter 4:14

If you are **insulted** because of the name of Christ, you are **blessed**, for the Spirit of glory and of God **rests** on you.

Matthew 5:10-11

Blessed are those who are **persecuted** because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when people **insult you**, persecute you and **falsely** say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

3. I have a **testimony**.

1 Peter 4:15-16

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If you **suffer**, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler.

¹⁶ However, if you **suffer as a Christian**, do not be **ashamed**, but **praise God** that you **bear that name**.

Ephesians 1:12

in order that **we**, who were the first to
put our hope in Christ, might be for
the **praise** of his glory.

4. I can **continue** to **serve**
the Lord.

1 Peter 4:17-19

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For it is time for judgment to begin
with God's **household**; and if it begins
with us, what will the outcome
be for those who do not obey
the gospel of God?

1 Peter 4:18

And, “If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

1 Peter 4:19

So then, those who **suffer according to God's will** should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and **continue to do good.**

Galatians 6:9

Let us not become weary in **doing good**, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do **not** give up.

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Suffering is a Part of My Journey