

Bible Study 9 – Suffering tests us – 1 Peter 4:12-19

Many Christians around the world experience persecution and sometimes even martyrdom. And children are vulnerable in places of conflict like Syria, Yemen, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, South Sudan, Cameroon, Myanmar, and Afghanistan. We also will experience trials because of our faith. Perhaps it is a strained relationship with a family member due to our faith, or perhaps it is the hard decision of going against the rest of the crowd at school or work or with our friends.

The context	The central theme of the book is to stand firm in the faith during suffering and persecution. Every chapter refers to suffering. It deals with the believer's privileges & duties (1:1-2:10), relationships (2:11-4:6), and service & suffering (4:7-5:14). It begins by reminding them of their secure future and the need for holiness and love for one another. Then because they are holy, believers are to show godly behaviour towards authorities, towards their spouse, and towards all believers. Their behavior differs from that of the sinful world. They love & serve one another. And they should expect to suffer because of their faith.
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PART 1 Read & summarise each section – 1 Peter 4:12-19

Suffering is normal (v.12)	
Suffering with joy (v.13-16)	
Suffering now or later (v.17-18)	
Keep trusting God (v.19)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What it says about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit.

2. What it says about people like us.



3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. Give some examples of suffering as a Christian (v.16)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Let's learn to suffer well for our Christian faith and keep following Jesus.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

