

## Grounded in Hope...During Suffering

1 Peter 2:21 For you have been called for this purpose...

1 Peter 2:13-17 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, 14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. 15 For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. 16 *Act* as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use *it* as bondslaves of God. 17 Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

1 Peter 2:21-25 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; 24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. 25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Your faith shows in every aspect of your life, but it shows most profoundly when you suffer.

### 1. We are called to \_\_\_\_\_ regardless of our circumstances.

1 Peter 2:21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps.

John 15:16 You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit...

1 Peter 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE...so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

1 Corinthians 1:9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Peter 2:20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God.

### 2. When we endure suffering, we \_\_\_\_\_.

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Luke 9:23 If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

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Psalm 34:13 Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

"Today, I \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. When we endure suffering, we \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel to others.**

"Preach the gospel at all times, when necessary, use words." Saint Francis of Assisi

1 Peter 2:24 He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds, you were healed.

1 Peter 4:12-13 Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world.