

TO GO

1. Share an example of a time when you suffered for doing good. What emotions did you experience when you realized what was happening? How did you navigate through it?
2. Read Isaiah 8:11–22. What commands and promises does God give to his people in this passage? What does he say about those who do evil? What terrible response to fear does Isaiah warn against? What is the fate of those who pursue solutions apart from waiting on God?
3. Read 1 Peter 3:13–17. What reasons does Peter give for Christian suffering? Why are those reasons sometimes hard to accept? Why is Christian suffering sometimes part of God's will?
4. Read 1 Peter 3:14. What is the first response Peter gives to Christian suffering? What other biblical passages can you think of that encourage a similar response?
5. Read 1 Peter 3:15–16. How does Peter tell his readers to honor Christ?
6. What practical things can you do to apply vv15–16. Make a list and circle the one or two things that you sense the Spirit of God asking you to consider most prominently.
7. How can a Christian consistently maintain a clean conscience (v16) before God, even in a hostile world?
8. What should a suffering believer expect to experience as they resist fear and honor Christ? How do these things provide hope in suffering?
9. Go back and read 1 Peter 2:9–10 and claim the promises that are yours in Christ. Then, thank God for his protection, blessing, and vindication and ask him to help you wait consistently on him even as you endure suffering.