

FULL^{OF} HOPE, FAR^{FROM} HOME

Study in 1 Peter

Sermon Title: "Suffering Servants"

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:18-24; Isaiah 53

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1. The mistreated Christian exile must respectfully submit to unjust masters.

(v. 18; 1 Peter 3:17; 1 Corinthians 7:21)

2. The mistreated Christian exile must consciously choose the pleasure of God.

(v. 19-20; 2 Timothy 2:3-4)

3. The mistreated Christian exile travels a well-worn and God glorifying path.

(v. 21-25; Mark 8:34-35; Isaiah 53:4-12 (See back of handout))

- **Jesus' response to suffering demonstrated his limitless trust of the Father.**
(v. 22-23; Ephesians 4:31-32)
- **Jesus' endurance of suffering flowed from a life-giving fountain of mercy.**
(v. 24a)
- **Jesus experienced suffering that we might intimately experience His care.**
(v. 25; Romans 8:31-32; Hebrews 12:1-2)

Questions to Consider:

1. *What is your default response when you experience mistreatment?*
2. *How does our response to mistreatment reveal our view of God and our faith in God?*
3. *What might others think about God based on your response to suffering?*
4. *What does it mean to be "mindful of God" while enduring suffering? How can we do that?*
5. *In what way(s) does Christ example encourage and empower you to follow His lead as a suffering servant of God?*

Isaiah 53:4-12

**All verses in parentheses refer to 1 Peter 2*

4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, **and with his wounds we are healed** (v. 24).*

6 All we like sheep have gone astray (v. 25); we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet **he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.** (v. 23)

8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, **and there was no deceit in his mouth** (v. 22).

10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, **make many to be accounted righteous** (v. 24), and he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet **he bore the sin of many** (v. 24), and makes intercession for the transgressors.