



Sermon Notes

1Peter 1:3-9 “Fiery Trials1”

Holiness and hardship are inextricably connected. Americans are the least prepared for hardship. Christians should be the most prepared. (Daniel 3:16-18)

Christians Suffer Well Because of...

What We THINK v6

- Biblical world view – it is a belief system (way of thinking) about how the world works consistent with the Bible. (Purpose/Problem/Solution?) (Rom12:2; Ps1:1-3)
- It is your world view about an event that determines how you feel and behave in response to that event. (Pro4:23; Phil4:8)
- “For the wise men of old the cardinal problem had been how to conform the soul to reality, and the solution had been knowledge, self-discipline, and virtue. For [modern people] the problem is how to subdue reality to the wishes of men, and the solution is a technique.” –C. S. Lewis

What We FEEL v6 (2Cor6:10; 1Thess4:13; Job 1:20-23, 6:10)

- Sorrowful yet always rejoicing is normal healthy Christianity.
- Grief causes you to dig deeper into your joy that overwhelms your grief. Joy doesn't eradicate grief. It sweetens it. (2Cor1:8-9, 12:8-10)
- An indomitable joy in suffering and sorrow reveals that Christ is more satisfying than anything. (Acts5:40-41, 16:23-25)

What We DO v8

- A Biblical world view (doctrinal truths) must make the journey from our head to our heart through spiritual disciplines. (1Pet1:1-5; 1Tim4:7-8)
- You don't have to feel love to give love to God. In fact that's the greatest kind of love. (1Cor13:4-8)
- You love Him because you believe in Him. “Faith is the art of holding onto things your reason has once accepted in spite of your changing moods.” –C.S. Lewis (Pro3:5-6)

Because Jesus went through your greatest fiery furnace for you, He'll certainly be in your smaller furnaces with you. (Isa43:1b-3a)

Growing Notes

1) Hardship and holiness (wholeness) are the twin themes of 1Peter. How are holiness and hardship inextricably connected? Why do you think that Americans are the least prepared for hardship? Why do you think Christians should be the most prepared for hardship? What is the attitude of these guys facing suffering (Daniel 3:16-18)?

2) Read 1Peter 1:3-9. What stands out to you from this text? Christians Suffer Well Because of...What We THINK. They are rejoicing (v6) in the doctrine Peter presented in the 1st five verses of this letter. What is a Biblical world view (Rom12:2; Ps1:1-3)? How does your world view affect your feelings and behavior in response to life's trials (Pro4:23; Phil4:8)? Explain C.S. Lewis' quote.

3) Christians Suffer Well Because of...What We FEEL (v6). Why do you think that being sorrowful yet always rejoicing is normal healthy Christianity (2Cor6:10; 1Thess4:13; Job1:20-23, 6:10)? How does grief cause you to dig deeper into your joy that overwhelms your grief (2Cor1:8-9, 12:8-10)? What does an indomitable joy in suffering reveal & look like (Acts5:40-41, 16:23-25)?

4) Christians Suffer Well Because of...What we DO (v8). How does our Biblical world view (doctrinal truths) make the journey from our head to our heart (1Tim4:7-8)? Why do you think you don't have to feel love to give love? Explain the last C.S. Lewis quote from the sermon notes. Because Jesus went through your greatest fiery furnace for you, He'll certainly be in your smaller furnaces with you. (Isa43:1b-3a) Pray.