

**Summary**

In this week's passage, we are reminded that suffering for our faith is not something to be surprised by. Instead, we are called to rejoice in it, praise God, and look forward to His glory being revealed.

Peter also draws a clear distinction between suffering for Christ and suffering that comes as a result of our own sin.

He concludes by encouraging believers who suffer according to God's will, to continue doing good and remain committed to their faithful Creator.

**Upcoming Events****• BRIDGE MEN SERVE SATURDAY**

September 20th // 7:00am

TBC Greenway Location

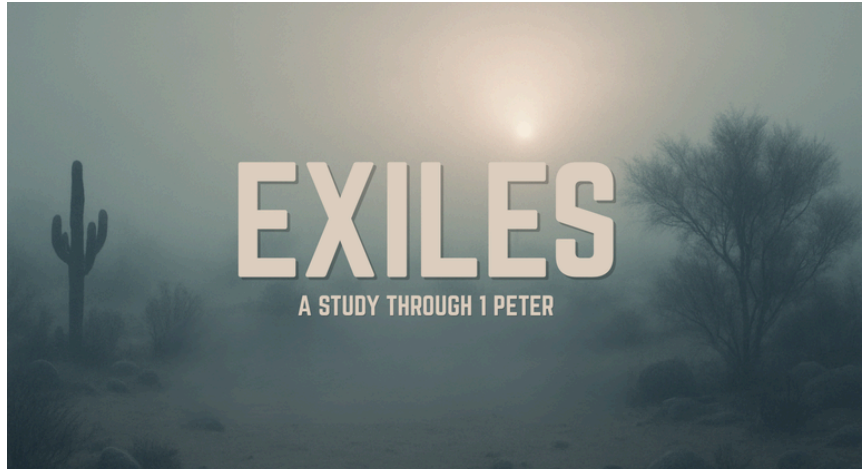
Join us for a morning of service as we kick off the new season of Bridge Men!

We'll be rolling up our sleeves and giving back to a local mother through various home improvement projects. This is a great way to get involved, serve with purpose, and make a real impact in our community.

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**Group Discussion**

1. Did anything in the sermon clarify something for you, catch your attention, challenge you, or leave you confused?

**Let's read 1 Peter 4:12-19**

2. Why might it come as a surprise to Christians when they suffer or go through trials?

3. What contrasts does Peter make between suffering as a Christian and suffering for doing wrong?

4. What truths about suffering stand out in this passage, and how is God using them in your current situation?

## Devotion for this Week

Peter reminds us that suffering for Christ is not a strange accident, but a refining fire that draws us closer to Him. When trials come, we can rejoice—not because the pain is easy, but because it identifies us with Jesus and assures us that His Spirit rests upon us. Instead of seeing hardship as punishment, we can embrace it as purpose: evidence that we belong to Christ and are sharing in His glory.

**And so we pray:** Help us to set hope fully on the grace that will be revealed at Your return. Empower us to live as obedient children, rejecting former ways and embracing a life that reflects Your holiness. May our lives be a testament to Your transforming power, bringing praise, glory, and honor to Your name. Amen.

## Sermon Notes:

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