

How To Rejoice When You Suffer For Jesus
1 Peter 4:12-19

When we suffer for Jesus:

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| I. | <u>Be reminded of God's promises.</u> | 4:12-13 |
| | 1. God promises I can expect suffering. | 4:12 |
| | 2. God promises I can find joy in suffering. | 4:13 |
| II. | <u>Be reminded of God's pleasure.</u> | 4:14 |
| | 1. I am blessed for honoring Christ. | |
| | 2. I experience God's Spirit for help. | |
| III. | <u>Be reminded of God's parameters.</u> | 4:15-16 |
| | 1. I do not honor God when I suffer because of sin. | 4:15 |
| | 2. I do honor God when I suffer for my Savior. | 4:16 |
| IV. | <u>Be reminded of God's purging.</u> | 4:17-18 |
| | 1. God rightly judges the saints first. | |
| | 2. God ultimately judges sinners last. | |
| V. | <u>Be reminded of God's plan.</u> | 4:19 |
| | 1. God is in control: Suffering is His will. | |
| | 2. God is the Creator: He is still working. | |