

#LiveAs_Conquerors_

Finding Hope In Suffering: 1 Peter

- Trials refocus us on Living Hope 1:6
- Trials mark us clearly as Jesus-followers 2:18/4:1,13
- Trials come BECAUSE we are in His will 3:13
- Trials call us back to His cross 3:18
- Trials purify our passions 4:1
- Trials are the ONLY pathway to the crown 4:12-19
- Trials open otherwise closed doors 3:15

1. Affliction must be recognized as something with which we must all deal

- ***Trouble IS the normal Christian pathway***
- Matt 5:10-11
- John 16:1-4
- John 17:14
- Luke 14:26
- James 1:2
- Romans 5:2-5
- Hebrews 11:32-40

2. God does not afflict us but He often chooses for a season to remove our hedge

- Job 1:9

3. A blow to you is a blow to Jesus

- Isa 63:9 "And He became their Savior. In all their affliction He was afflicted"

4. Death does not kill the spirit and it does not spoil the truth

- **The second death has no power over the second birth!**
- Isa 25:8
- Job 19:23
- ***True hope changes sorrow, but it does not obliterate it***

5. Tremendous victory is only possible in the face of tremendous battle

6. Accept the fact that life may pass before you ever understand His purpose or the reasons...we must live in the mystery

- Ps 112

7. Embracing what the Bible says about suffering and how we must meet it will not relieve our pain or remove our circumstances. But grasping that WILL enable us to cope and will refuel our hope

- Rom 8:37

“It is eternity that counts! In eternity all mysteries will be known, and the bright glow of glory will wash out the last remaining stain and earthly despair!”-Edith Schaeffer

Rev 12:11 “And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death”