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## Ways that Christians suffer in America today:

### Good Deeds are God's Plan for His Children.

"Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed."
(1 Peter 3:13–14a ESV)

# A Fear of Others is Squashed by a Trust in Christ

"Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy,"

(1 Peter 3:14b-15a ESV)

"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10:28 ESV)

"But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God." (Acts 7:55 ESV)

### Good Works create Good Will which leads to the Good News.

"But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil." (1 Peter 3:15–17 ESV)



# How to Handle Suffering Part One

A fearless focus on Jesus is the foundation for enduring suffering.

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