

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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IN A FOREIGN LAND

THE LETTER OF FIRST PETER

1 Peter 1:1-9

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ

1 Peter 1:1-9

and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

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from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while,

1 Peter 1:1-9

if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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Necessary Suffering

The Christian life is a life of painful joy.

2 Corinthians 6:8b-10

We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Philippians 2:27

Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

Necessary Suffering

We rejoice in knowing whose we are,
where we are heading and what awaits
us.

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Necessary Suffering

We rejoice in knowing trials are temporary but salvation is eternal.

Necessary Suffering

We rejoice in knowing that God has a purpose for our suffering, namely purifying our faith.

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2 Corinthians 1:8-10

For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself.

9 Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death.

2 Corinthians 1:8-10

But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. 10 He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

Necessary Suffering

We rejoice in knowing the glory that we will receive from Christ.

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