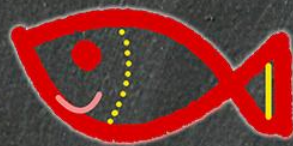


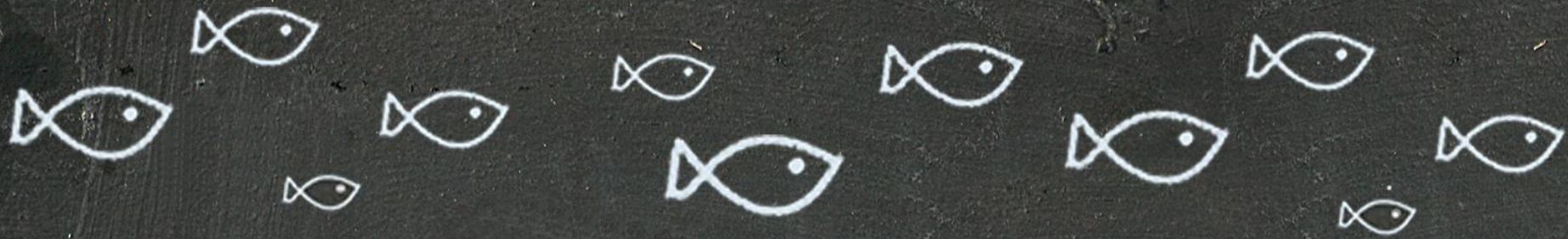
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**“Painfully Unashamed”**

**1 Peter 4:12-19**





To be distinct is to be  
painfully unashamed.





<sup>12</sup> Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.

<sup>13</sup> But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

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- 1) Encouragement – vs 12 - “Do Not Be Surprised”
- 2) Counter Proposal – vs 13 - “Instead Rejoice”
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**“Do Not Be Surprised”**

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# SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

## Families Fleeing Violence

There are nearly 4 million Syrian refugees in five host countries.  
More than **15 million people are in need** of assistance inside and outside Syria.

TURKEY **1,622,839**

SYRIA  
**7.6 million people**  
internally displaced



LEBANON

**1,174,313**

1 in 5 people is a Syrian refugee



JORDAN

**623,241**

1 in 13 people is a Syrian refugee

IRAQ  
**242,468**

EGYPT  
**136,661**



As of February 23, 2015.

Source: UNHCR <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/syria.php>; UN OCHA <http://syria.unocha.org/>



# “Do Not Be Surprised”

- “Fiery Trials”

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7 “Awake, sword, against my shepherd,  
against the man who is close to me!”  
declares the LORD Almighty.

“Strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep will be scattered,  
and I will turn my hand against the little ones.

8 In the whole land,” declares the LORD,  
“two-thirds will be struck down and perish;  
yet one-third will be left in it.

<sup>9</sup> This third I will put into the fire;  
I will refine them like silver  
and test them like gold.

They will call on my name  
and I will answer them;

I will say, 'They are my people,'  
and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.'"

Zechariah 13:7-9



# “Do Not Be Surprised”

- “Fiery Trials”
  - ~~Roman Candles~~
  - Language of Eschatology – The End
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  - A Road Sign



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“When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Luke 21:28



**“ ... Instead Rejoice!”**

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**“ ... Instead Rejoice!”**

“Rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.”

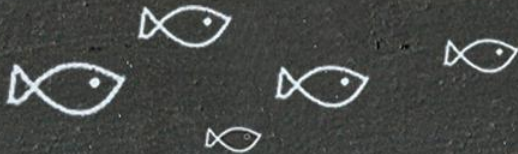
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**“ ... Instead Rejoice!”**

False Attitudes toward Suffering:



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“ ... Instead Rejoice!”

False Attitudes toward Suffering:

- ✘ We should be happy about it



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# “ ... Instead Rejoice!”

## False Attitudes toward Suffering:

- ✘ We should be happy about it
- ✘ We should seek suffering on account on Christ



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Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,

we will also live with him;

if we endure,

we will also reign with him.

2 Tim. 2:11-12



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**“ ... Instead Rejoice!”**

Suffering is Preparation for Joy



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# The Condition ...

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# The Condition ...

**Exposure to shame is blessing,  
but only if you don't deserve it.**

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# The Condition ...

<sup>19</sup> It is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. <sup>20</sup> But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.”

1 Peter 2:19-21

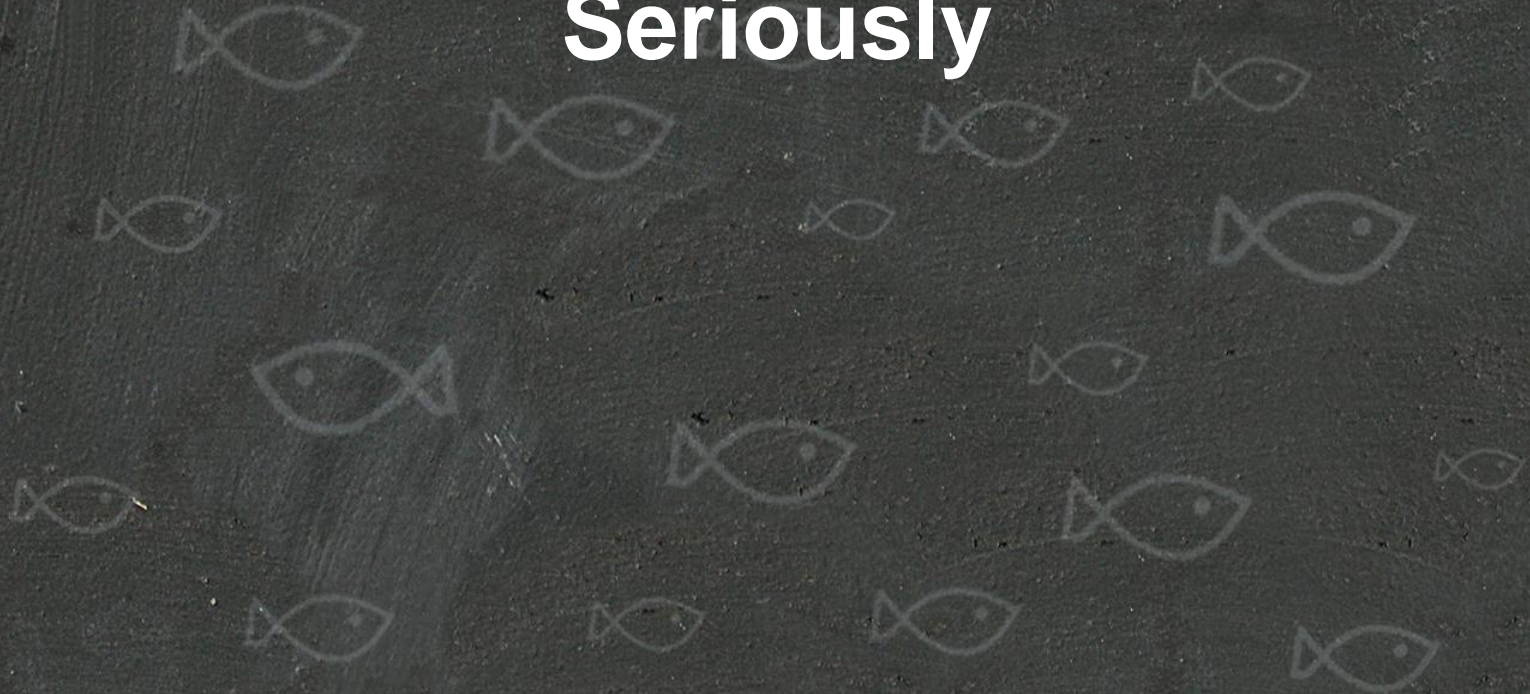


**Do Not Be Ashamed**



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# Take the Promise of Judgment Seriously





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# Take the Promise of Judgment Seriously

Ours is not a judgment of retribution,  
but of mercy.



“Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.”

1 Cor. 11:32





“God disciplines those he loves, as a father  
the son **he** delights in.”

Proverbs 3:12





# Take the Promise of Judgment Seriously

... but don't dwell on sin.

ASK, DEAL With It, and  
Get on with being UNASHAMED





# Commit to the Creator

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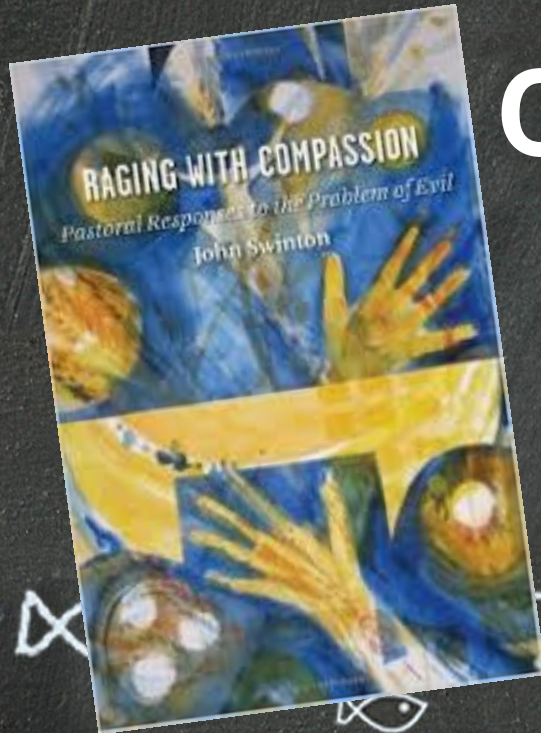




# Commit to the Creator

by doing what is good





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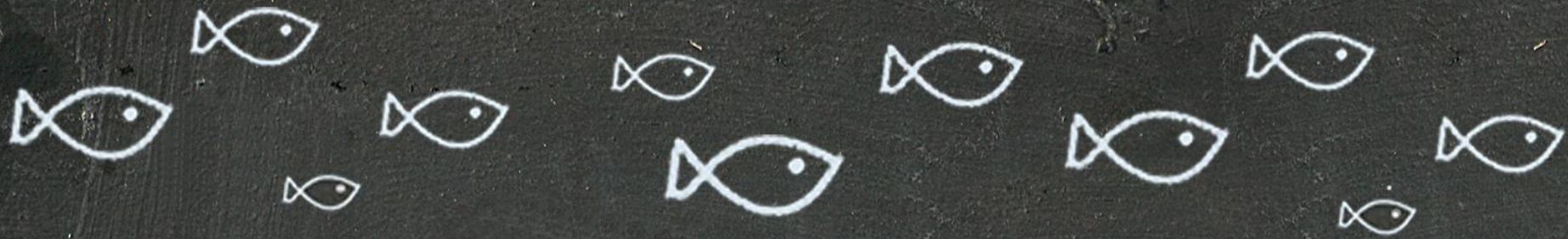
by "Raging With Compassion."



... It means bringing fresh goodness, fresh love, fresh kindness, fresh wisdom into the community, into the family, to the people we meet on the street. When we do this, we are not saying 'Look at me, aren't I being good?' We are saying, to God, 'I trust you; this is what you've called me to do; this is what I am doing with the life you've given me; even though I am facing suffering, I will continue to be this sort of a person, to your glory' ...

- N.T. Wright





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