

Influencing Others:
A Call to Suffering Well
(1 Peter 3:8-22, 4:1-6, 4:12-19)

1 Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. 2 As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. (1 Peter 4:1-2)

How can we suffer well?

1. Suffering well is practicing Salvation well.

*8 **Taste and see that the Lord is good**; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. 9 Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him **lack nothing**. 10 The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. 11 Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. 12 Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, 13 keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies. 14 Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. (Psalm 34:8-14; 1 Peter 3:10-12)*

2. Suffering well is practicing Right Living well.

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. 9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. (1 Peter 3:8-9)

“to be sympathetic”

“love one another”

*To pray with one another. To serve one another. To bless one another.
To be hospitable to one another. To encourage one another.
To build each other up. To mourn with one another.
To laugh with one another. To be patient with one another.
To greet one another. To bear with one another's burdens. To forgive one another.*

“compassionate and humble”

3. Suffering well releases God's Salvation in a Suffering World.

13 **Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good?** 14 But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." 15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. 17 For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. (1 Peter 3:13-19)

- a. Suffering is because of human brokenness, not because of God's goodness.
- b. Suffering is a consequence of human choices, not because of God's character.
- c. Suffering points us to the need for Salvation in Christ Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. How has Salvation in Jesus changed your life? Give a practical example.
- 2. Which "one another" practices of Jesus do you need to implement into your relationships today?
- 3. How can Salvation in Jesus bless you and those around you in a world of human suffering?

Welcome to HOME Church!

Thank you for attending HOME Church. If you are searching for a church to call HOME, feel free to connect with us. Details are on our website at www.ourhomechurch.ca.

Christmas Shoebox has started! Help us reach our 350-box goal for the Christmas Shoebox outreach. Get a box in the foyer.

Christmas Choir Sign-Up. To be in the Christmas Choir on Sundays in December, please contact Annick at annick@ourhomechurch.ca.

Night to Shine is happening on Friday, February 13, 2026. If you know someone who might be interested in attending as a guest or if you would like to volunteer, check out our website at nighttoshinevancouver.ca or talk to Pastor Vincent, Cinda, Janina, or Bee Bee.

Discover Home Church Membership Class (November 9 + 16) from 10:45am-11:30am in the church basement. Learn how to find community, calling, and purpose at Home Church. For details, please talk to Pastor Andy.

Legacy at Home (November 19th). A Cantonese hymn and Bible study for 55+ at 10:30 am. Lunch will be provided. Pastor Sterling Lee will be sharing. For details, please talk to Pastor Andy.

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