

Key Scripture

¹⁹ So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

1 Peter 4:19

Main Takeaway

Deposit your lives into the strong, capable, saving hands of your Faithful Creator!

CITIZENS OF HEAVEN: LIVING WITH JESUS

Week 5: Living With Suffering

Start Talking:

If you got to open a mystery safety deposit box from a family member, what item would you want to find?

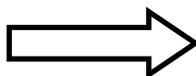
Start Praying: Dear Heavenly Father, help us face life, even our sufferings with a heavenly not earthy, an eternal not temporal perspective. Today, to prepare us for whatever life may bring, help us deposit ourselves to you, our faithful creator who has won for us eternal life!

Start Studying:

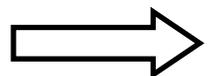
1. (Special Note: This is suffering SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE you are a Christian)
2. Read 1 Peter 4:12-14 – what mindset does Peter encourage you to adopt BEFOREHAND as you prepare to suffer for your Christian beliefs?
3. Read John 17:13-18: Where has Jesus sent you? What does he tell you to expect? Why does our suffering as Christian remind us that we are part of something far more important?
4. Read Romans 8:18 – what is the bold confidence here? Why is this important to keep in mind when we suffer?
5. Read Key Scripture: Note, God's will is that some WILL suffer for their faith and that this is part of His plan. This is hard to swallow but remember His overarching will he has made clear for all – Read John 6:38-40. When you pray "They will be done" it may mean that you suffer but it FOR SURE means what?

Start Applying:

1. They Key to our faithful witness is to DEPOSIT ourselves into the hands of a faithful creator. What does this look like on a daily level? Why is it so easy to cash in the deposit? How do we encourage each other to put the deposit back where it needs to be?
2. Our world needs Christians who do not demand their rights, who are not surprised by suffering, who do not complain but who rejoice, even in suffering? Why is this true?
3. Who have you not shared the faith with because a fear is holding you back? Why? How could you take the first step to sharing?



Fill out Biblical Equipping



Finish in Prayer:

Dear Faithful Creator, my life is in your care. My days are in your care. My family is in your care. Help me deposit myself and all I know into your care! Amen.

NOTES

BIBLICAL EQUIPPING

The Bible passage I will focus on is:

The part of this passage that caught my attention is:

I will apply this passage to my life by:

Before next meeting, the impact God had on me through this verse was: