



EXILES

A Surprising Path to Supreme Joy

1 Peter 4:12-19

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Questions for Discussion and Application

Quick Review

1. Was there anything in the passage that challenged or encouraged you?

1. Rejoice Now for Greater Joy Later (4:12-13)

2. How did this passage of Scripture help you see Christ better?

2. God's Presence is with You in Your Suffering (4:14-16)

Digging Deeper

1. What does Peter mean by "the fiery trial" (4:12)? How does this connect to the broader theme of suffering in the book? (see 2:19-23; 3:14-18; 5:10)

3. Continue Trusting God (4:17-19)

2. In 4:13, we are encouraged to look ahead to that time of utmost rejoicing when God's glory is revealed. Have different people look up the following Scriptures and read them. Then discuss what it means for God's glory to be revealed. (Ex 33:18-23; Ps 17:15; 27:4; 1 Cor 13:12; 1 Jn 3:2-3; Is 33:17; Rev 22:5; Matt 5:8; Job 19:26)

3. Consider the connection between the Spirit resting on the Christ in Isaiah 11:1-3 and the Spirit resting on the Christian in 1 Peter 4:14. How does this encourage you in your sufferings?

Taking It Home

1. What are some practical ways we can "rejoice" in suffering, as Peter instructs (4:13)? How can we cultivate this mindset?
2. Peter warns about suffering for sinful reasons (4:15). Are there areas in your life where you experience difficulty due to your own choices? How can you seek God's help in those areas?
3. What does it mean to entrust yourself to God during trials (4:19)? How does 1 Peter 2:19-23 help you understand this? What are some specific ways you can do this in your current circumstances?
4. What are some ways that you can encourage one another to rejoice in sufferings? Why is the church important in this work? (Consider Heb 10:24-25; Col 3:16; 1 Thes 5:11; Jude 1:20-21.)