

I. SUFFERING FOR DOING GOOD LIKE JESUS (1 PETER 3:16-18)

- A. Christians are being called to suffer well as exiles in the world **(1 Peter 3:16-17)**
1. We are to have good conduct while on earth **(1 Peter 1:17; 2:11-12)**
 2. To suffer well, we must suffer for righteousness' sake and even endure unjust suffering **(1 Peter 3:13-14; 2:15; 2:19; 3:16)**
- B. Jesus is the perfect example of suffering well **(1 Peter 3:17-18; 1 Peter 2:21-23; 3:9; John 15:18-19)**

II. ENCOURAGEMENT TO ENDURE EVEN WHEN SUFFERING AND OUTNUMBERED (1 PETER 3:18-20)

- A. Jesus proclaimed victory after rising from the dead **(1 Peter 3:18-19)**
1. The resurrection body is a spiritual body **(1 Peter 3:18; 1 Corinthians 15:35-36; 42-49)**
 2. Jesus proclaimed victory as Sovereign Ruler **(1 Peter 3:19, 22)**
- B. Difficult questions about this passage **(1 Peter 3:19-20)**
1. When did Jesus make this proclamation? **(1 Peter 3:18-19)**
 2. Who are the spirits in prison? **(1 Peter 3:19-20; Genesis 6:1-4; 2 Peter 2:4-5; Jude 6-7)**
 3. What is the point of referencing Noah? **(1 Peter 3:20; Genesis 6:5-8, 17-18)**
- C. "Little is much when God is in it" **(Judges 7; 1 Samuel 14; 2 Chronicles 20; Colossians 2:15; John 16:33)**

WORDS I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND

SOMETHING NEW TO ME

WHAT I HEARD ABOUT THE GOSPEL

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. What does it mean to say that “context is King”? When reading a difficult passage, what are some helpful ways to understand the meaning?

2. What are different kinds of suffering? How can we suffer well?

3. In what ways does Jesus provide an example of suffering well?

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD *(CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)*

Good	Wise	Wrathful	Merciful
Just	Jealous	Faithful	Perfect
Holy	Gracious	Patient	Love
Other:			

KEY WORDS *(WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)*

Context –

Obscure –

Sovereign –

NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD