



STUDY NOTES – AUGUST 16, 2020

Sermon Series: “*First Peter: Stand Firm*”

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Scripture: 1 Peter 4:12-19

In this study, we will be introduced to two thinking practices that will help us to weather the storms of suffering.

- **First thinking practice:** Reject any form of prosperity teaching. (V. 12)

- **Second thinking practice:** Realize that suffering is more about God than yourself. (Vs. 13-19)

Marks of realizing suffering is about God:

1. When I realize that suffering from my own wrong actions is my fault, not God's. (V. 15)
2. When I break away from a whining mentality.
3. When I stop comparing myself with others.
4. When I'm not filled with self-righteousness.
5. When I move from blaming to praising God.

S.A.L.T. Group questions

- Have someone read Sunday's passage: 1 Peter 4:12-19
 - What truths stand out to you?
- 1. Have you ever found yourself believing some of the elements of prosperity teaching?
 - Why is the “prosperity gospel” not a gospel at all? In other words, why is it bad news rather than good news.
- 2. Have you ever felt false shame even though you did the right thing?
 - Where did that shame come from?
 - What are some doctrines and morals that our unbelieving culture tries to shame us for holding?
 - What can a Christian do to avoid false shame?

3. Why is it so difficult to rejoice when we are suffering for doing right?
 - o What are some ways we can turn our attitude around in the midst of suffering for what's right?
4. Take a moment to pray for each other to have the confidence in God to stand up for what is right.

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