

# Anatomy of Faith

## Part 4 – Purposeful Suffering

### Intro/Review

Is your life \_\_\_\_\_ toward Jesus?

Are you living out your new \_\_\_\_\_?

Wives, Husbands, Everybody: Are you treating each other with respect and mutual submission?

Do you seek peace and pursue it? Do the \_\_\_\_\_ no matter what?

### “Therefore”...(3:18-22)

In light of Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_...get ready for your own! Huh?

As “Christ Ones”, Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_ and He suffered more than anyone!

“Arm Yourself”: Put on suffering like a \_\_\_\_\_!

### Suffering Refines (Vs. 1-6)

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus refined Him, proved who he was, and broke the power of sin.
- Suffering shows where your boat is pointing, or where it \_\_\_\_\_ pointing.

*“Since Jesus went through everything you're going through and more learn to think like him. Think of your sufferings as a weaning from that old sinful habit of always expecting to get your own way.”*

(4:1 “The Message”)

Vs. 2: Develops a new attitude for the new identity.

Vs. 4: This new attitude \_\_\_\_\_ the world

## Suffering Focuses (Vs. 7-11)

- Suffering has a way of \_\_\_\_\_ us on what is important:  
Be mature, wise, have a clear purpose: \_\_\_\_\_
- “No Pain, No Gain”: If we are not challenged, won’t grow!
- Suffering Christians usually do a better job of vs. 8-11 because Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_!

## Suffering Blesses (Vs. 12-19)

- Vs. 12: In the Christian life, suffering is a \_\_\_\_\_ we are to expect, not a surprise to avoid.
- Remember, suffering is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ of our new identity!
- It is a privilege to suffer for Christ! Why?

### God is Glorified (vs. 12-13)

- People notice when a suffering Christian stays \_\_\_\_\_.

### Identifying with Christ (vs. 14-16)

- Suffering for Jesus shows that you \_\_\_\_\_!
- If the world doesn’t hate you...\_\_\_\_\_?

### Proof of Salvation (vs. 17-18)

- God punishes His children because He loves them.
- Trials life should make us \_\_\_\_\_ and motivate us to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Proverbs 11:13

## Application

1 Peter 4:19

Sometimes it is \_\_\_\_\_ for us to suffer! God is more concerned about our growth than our comfort!

Suffering should not \_\_\_\_\_ us from God but motivate us to love and serve Him even more!

“Commit Yourself”: a deposit or trust

Don’t run from God during trials, run \_\_\_\_\_ Him and His family.

Let Suffering refine, focus, and \_\_\_\_\_ you!