

By His Wounds
You Were
Healed

1 Peter 2:18-25

Our Focus

Being Aware of God



God's Healing



Christ's Example for us



Endure Hardships

➤ Respect authority

Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. NRS

1 Peter 2:18

Consider: Employer/Boss and Employee



**Me,
Myself
and I**



**The
Lord**



It is in the hard times that we discover our deepest needs and desires and thus discover our hearts tendencies; either to ourselves or to the Lord

Being Aware of God

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ^{NRS}

1 Peter 2:19

How Can We Understand Suffering In the Presence of God?

➤ Just and Unjust Suffering

If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ^{NRS}

1 Peter 2:20

Our Calling to Follow Christ's Example

➤ Christ Suffered



For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. NRS 1 Peter 2:21

Suffering:



The word *suffering* is not just physical, or even just mental or emotional pain, but more often it refers to pain in the broad sense of any unpleasant feeling, emotion or sensation.

Spiritually, Physically, Mentally, Relationally etc.

➤ Christ Suffered Unjustly

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ^{NRS}

1 Peter 2:22-23

➤ **Christ's Suffering Brought Healing**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.^{NRS}

1 Peter 2:24

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➤ **Christ's Suffering Directs Us Home**

For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. ^{NRS}

1 Peter 2:25



What Does this Mean for Us?



It means we are healed, even in the midst of our suffering, and we can offer Christ's healing to others! But, the question is, will we act out of suffering or healing?

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➤ **Christ Suffered**

We are called to bring Christ's healing to others out of the healing that the Lord has done in us.

Awareness of The Lord's healing presence, allows us to respond to the sickness in our midst, through the healing that has already occurred in us. But will we respond?

Who often is most negatively responsive to a person who is smoking?



Why? Because of increased awareness of the dangers of smoking

Awareness of God brings about spiritual healing in us, that in turn increases our awareness of sin around us and our desire to offer Christ's healing to others.

How do we respond to the suffering around us?

➤ **Christ Suffered Unjustly**

**But it did not lead to rebellion it
lead to Trust in God**

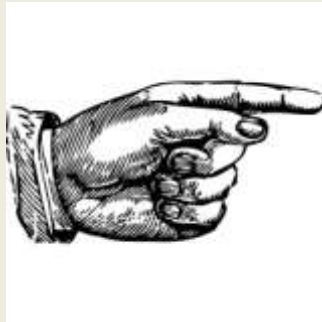
**How do we respond to unjust
suffering, both our own and
others?**

➤ **Christ's Suffering Brought Healing Through the Forgiveness of Sins.**

**How can our healing bring healing to others?
Christ bore our sins and healed us. Can we
forgive the sins of others and bring Christ's
healing to them as well?**

➤ **Christ's Suffering Directs Us Home**

**Do we respond to our healing,
brought about by Christ's
suffering, by pointing others to the
Savior?**



A Time for Reflection



Awareness of God's presence



Knowing that we are Healed

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Following Christ's example.

**Responding to sin, as those
who have suffered as well,
but now know the healing
power of the Lord**



**Trusting God to be the judge, and that God will
judge with perfect justice**

**Respond as those who have been forgiven
and thus healed, by the Love of God
through the suffering of Christ. Respond
with the compassion of those who once
stood guilty before our Holy God.**

**Be among those who offer healing to others,
by directing them to Christ who is the
good shepherd, and who brings all who
turn to Him safely home.**

**By Your Wounds We
Have Been Healed,
Thank you Lord Jesus,
Amen**