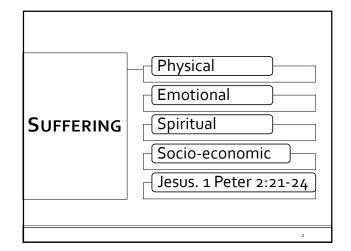
The Example of Christ in Suffering

1 Peter 2:18-25



What Jesus <u>Could Have</u> <u>Done</u> When He Suffered

- Destroyed Jerusalem rather than cry over it. Luke 19:41-44
- Compelled submission instead of coming in meekness.

 Matthew 21:4-5, 14-16

What Jesus <u>Could Have</u> <u>Done</u> When He Suffered

- Called down heaven's army instead of surrendering.
 Matthew 26:50-54
- Come down from cross instead of enduring it.
 Matthew 27:39-44;
 Hebrews 12:2

What Jesus <u>Did Not Do</u> When He Suffered Isaiah 53:7 (1 Peter 2:20)

- ■Did not sin. 1 Peter 2:21-22
- ■Did not retaliate. 1 Peter 2:23
 - Was not bitter. Luke 23:34
- Did not threaten. John 19:10-11
- Committed Himself to God's judgment. John 12:47-48
- Yielded. John 19:1-4

What Jesus <u>Did</u> When He Suffered Isaiah 53:7 (1 Peter 2:20)

- ■Served others. 1 Peter 2:24
 - Focused on us, not Himself. Luke 23:39-43; John 19:25-27
 - Focused on the Father's will. Hebrews 10:5
- Prayed. Hebrews 5:7
- Learned obedience. Hebrews 5:8 (1 Peter 2:18-20)
- Forgave. Luke 23:34, 43

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What We Are <u>Tempted To</u> <u>Do</u> When We Suffer 1 Peter 2:18-20

■Murmur and complain.

Philippians 2:14-15

- Job. Job 3:1-3; 9:21-24
- God explained. Job 42:1-6
- Become embittered.

Hebrews 12:14-15

Distracted by its pain. Mark 4:18-19

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■Retaliate. Romans 12:17-19

- Punish and vindicate.

 Matthew 5:39; 1 Peter 3:9
- Demand reparation. 1 Corinthians 6:5-8
- Refuse to forgive.

 Matthew 18:32-35 (6:15;

 Luke 23:34)

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When We Suffer

1 Peter 2:19-20, "For this is acceptable, if for conscience toward God a man endureth griefs, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye sin, and are buffeted (for it), ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer (for it), ye shall take it patiently, this is acceptable with God."

- **1 Peter 2:25,** "For ye were going astray like sheep; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls."
- Called to commit ourselves to God, the righteous judge.
- Called to endure it patiently.
- Follow the Good Shepherd and Bishop.

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