

"Bumps are Things that You Climb On"

1 Peter 4:12-19

1. The Reality of Suffering

2 Timothy 3:12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted...

1 Peter 4:12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial that you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.

Job 5:17 Blessed is the man whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.

2. The Reason for Suffering

1 Peter 1:7 These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Matthew 5:30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

3. The Responsibility to Suffer

1 Peter 4:13-14 But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

1 Peter 4:15-16 If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

Luke 9:26 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy Angels..

Acts 5:41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

4. The Reward for Suffering

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